Angara hits 'war budget' for AFP, PNP

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Ador retracted, says Loren; Not true, says his lawyer

BY ARMAND N. NOCUM

THE CELL phone issue involving Senate Majority Leader Loren Legarda and her accuser Angelo "Ador" Mawanay took an even more bizarre turn yesterday, when Legarda claimed Mawanay had taken back his accusations, and his lawyer said it wasn't so.

Legarda told reporters that Mawanay apologized to her after the Senate committee hearings

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Stress-free jail for Jinggoy?

BY D. CUETO

NOW, it's mental, not physical, stress. But the bottom line is the same: There's no place like home for a stressed-out detainee like former San Juan

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BAKA MAUWI SA MENTAL YAN!

GMA wants Senate to press Ping probe

BY JULIET L. JAVELLANA, CHRISTINE AVENDAÑO AND MALOU G. APALISOK

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo acknowledges the Senate's prerogatives but believes that it should pursue its inquiry on the allegations of crime raised against Sen. Panfilo Lacson and the past administration.

"The President believes that the Senate investigation should proceed expeditiously not only for the sake of transparency but also since the nation would want to know the truth about the very serious allegations raised in the hearings," her spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao told reporters yesterday.

Tiglao expressed the President's view a day after she returned from a five-day state visit to Brunei and Singapore.

"The President would like to emphasize her respect for the integrity and independence of the Senate. It is solely the Senate's prerogative to pursue or not its committees' investigations," Tiglao said.

"As President, though, she cannot keep to herself her views on the Senate hearings that have become a matter of national interest," he said.

Senators Rodolfo Biazon and Gregorio Honasan were quick to air disapproval.

Biazon told reporters that Malacañang should desist from "preempting the prerogative" of the legislature.

"If Malacañang continues to do this, it is taking a collision course with the legislature," he said, adding that the Palace should allow the legislature to do its job.

Honasan made a similar appeal

GMA/ A16

THERE they go again. Residents of Sumisip town in Basilan province flee to safer areas as the 21st Marine Company continue their pursuit of Abu Sayyaf bandits who ambushed and killed seven people, including a soldier on Saturday. CHARLIE SACEDA/PDI MINDANAO BUREAU

Basilan gov linked to payoff

BY ROCKY NAZARENO, JULIE ALIPALA-INOT, HERNAN P. DELA CRUZ AND ALLAN A. NAWAL
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AT LEAST two witnesses will testify in Manila that Basilan Governor Wahab Akbar was involved in a ransom payoff that may have allowed the Abu Sayyaf to escape a military cordon last June, Rep. Prospero Pichay (Surigao del Sur) said yesterday.

The chair of the House committee on national defense said he would present the witnesses tomorrow when the committee resumes its hearings on allegations of military-Abu Sayyaf collusion. Pichay refused to detail the extent of Akbar's involvement in the anomaly, but said, "the two witnesses will link (Akbar) to the alleged bribery."

Another congressman said inconsistencies in the testimonies of some military officials make the statements of Lamitan, Basilan parish priest Fr. Cirilo Nacorda and other witnesses more believable.

"The statements of the witnesses of Fr. Nacorda have more weight. I'm inclined to believe the testimonies and statements of the civilians," Rep. Robert Ace Barbers (Surigao del Norte) told the INQUIRER.

Pichay raised two questions that remain unanswered.

Why were the soldiers deployed at the back of the Jose Torres Memorial Hospital on June 2, pulled out? And why were the

BASILAN/ A15

'If I've ₱37B, I'll buy ABS, Inquirer . . .'

BY TJ BURGONIO

SEN. Panfilo Lacson is confident that he will survive the Senate investigation of his alleged involvement in drug trafficking, money laundering and other crimes.

"Even if the Senate hearings take a year, (military intelligence chief Col. Victor) Corpus and company won't be able to come up with any evidence, solid or otherwise," he said at yesterday's media forum at the Manila Hotel.

Lacson maintained innocence of the money-laundering charges, saying: "If I have P37 billion, you won't see me here or in BF Homes (Parañaque). If I'm not in Forbes Park (Makati), I'll be in Hillsborough (San Francisco).

"If I have P37 billion, I won't have problems with the media. I would buy ABS-CBN. I would buy Channel 7. I would buy the INQUIRER."

Lacson said the Senate should press ahead with its hearings on the matter despite the proposal for termination aired last week by his colleagues in the opposition, Senators Blas Ople and Tessie Aquino-Oreta.

"If they want, they can suspend (the hear-

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Top Lacson aide has alibi: It was my birthday

BY CARLITO PABLO, CHRISTINE HERRERA AND TJ BURGONIO

THE MOST trusted aide of Sen. Panfilo Lacson, Senior Supt. Michael Ray Aquino, yesterday said he had an alibi to prove his innocence in the case of the alleged murder of a Chinese interpreter: his own birthday party.

In a phone interview with radio station dzMM from an undisclosed place abroad, Aquino, who slipped out of the country weeks ago, said he was celebrating his birthday with officemates and well-wishers on the afternoon of May 12, when Angelito Sy, a translator for police agents, went missing.

The Lacson aide said he did not leave the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force (PAOCTF) offices until his party broke up at 6 p.m.

Aquino, who is believed to be in either Europe or North America, said he did not know yet when he would return to the Philippines.

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FREEDOM AWARD

DENNIS SABANGAN

CHINO ROCES FREEDOM AWARD: President Macapagal guests at awarding rites in honor of the late Manila Times publisher Chino Roces. She's flanked by Jorge Sarmiento, foundation chair and Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr., one of the awardees.

Devnani's 'inner circle' claim denied

BY ARMAND N. NOCUM

THE FORMER government official who introduced Senate witness Danny Devnani to ousted President Joseph Estrada disputed yesterday the Indian businessman's assertion that he was part of the former leader's "inner circle."

Eleuterio "Eli" Gardiner, former chief of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, went to the office of Sen. Loi Estrada to contradict Devnani, who has accused Estrada and a number of his allies of being "evil people" who plotted kidnappings and other criminal activities.

"He only met Erap several times and he is already claiming to be part of the inner circle?" asked Gardiner in a press conference hastily set up by Senator Estrada's chief of staff, former immigration chief Rufus Rodriguez.

Devnani, however, told the INQUIRER that it was Gardiner who was kept in the dark about their alleged illegal activities and excluded from the group, which included Estrada son Jinggoy, notorious businessman Charlie "Atong" Ang and Sen. Panfilo Lacson.

"There are many things he doesn't know. He has nothing to do with these illegal activities," Devnani said of Gardiner, who said he was prepared to testify at a Senate inquiry into military intelligence allegations against Lacson.

Gardiner said that Devnani was "one of the five incorporators" of the exclusive Club 419, the former members-only club on Wilson Street in Greenhills, San Juan, when it was renamed the International Business Club in 1996. Estrada has admitted that he used to frequent the club "to meet friends."

"To refresh the memory of Mr. Devnani regarding Club 419, which I co-founded sometime in 1992, it was not a criminal organization as he claims," Gardiner said.

In a Senate hearing Thursday, Devnani said Estrada was the real owner of the club, one of the places where the group allegedly conspired to commit various crimes. Devnani came

DEVNANI'S/ A4

Silliman beside the sea observes 100th year today

BY ALEX PAL
PDI Visayas Bureau
AND ANDREA TRINIDAD-ECHAVEZ

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Two flights chartered by California-based Silliman alumni planed in for the celebration.

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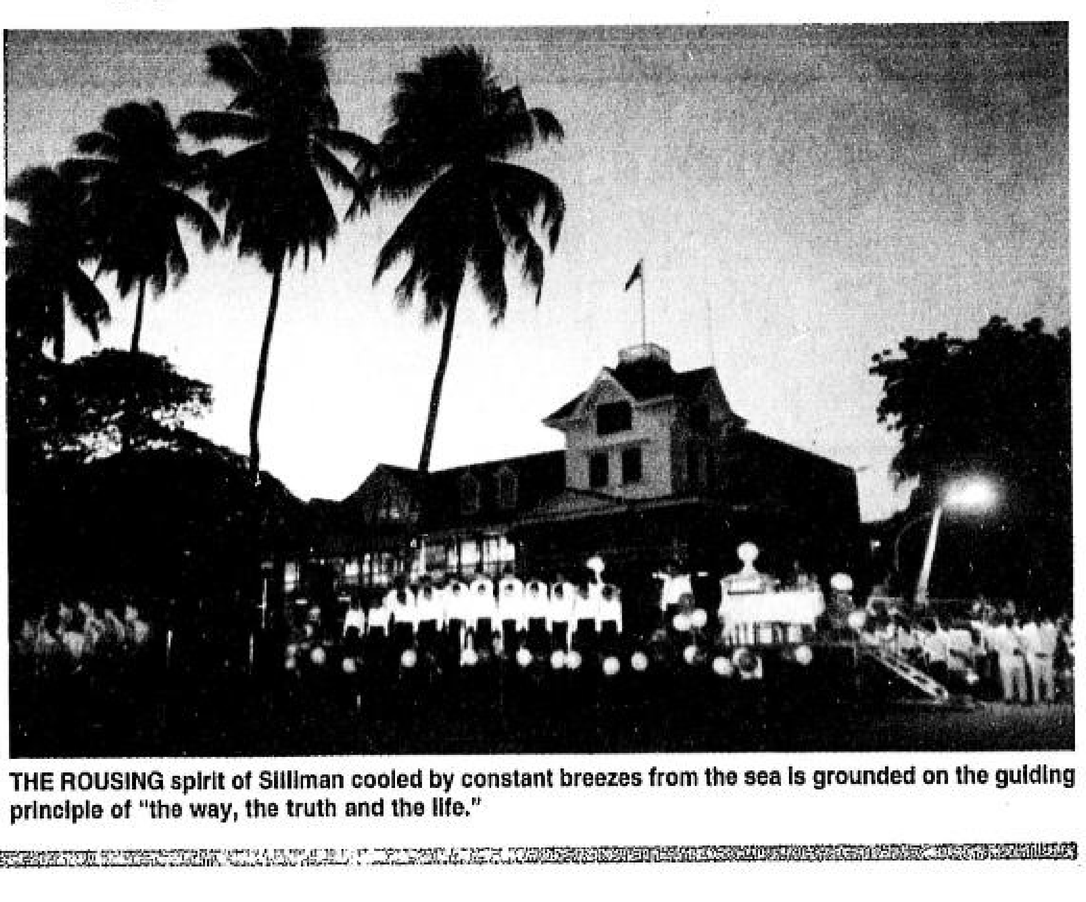
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ITULOY ANG IMBESTIGASYON

Kuratong ruling going to SC

By Cathy C. Yamsuan

THE JUSTICE department will ask the Supreme Court to reverse the order of a judge barring state prosecutors from investigating Sen. Panfilo Lacson and Supt. Michael Ray Aquino for the alleged kidnap for ransom and murder of several Chinese nationals in 1999.

Solicitor General Simeon Marcelo said Manila Judge Hermogenes Liwag, in upholding a petition filed by Lacson and Aquino, "committed grave abuse of discretion in disregarding the crystal-clear authority" of the Department of Justice and its prosecutors to conduct the preliminary investigation.

Liwag, presiding judge of Branch 55 of the Manila Regional Trial Court, granted Lacson and Aquino's request to bar the DOJ and its related agencies from conducting the investigation.

Liwag upheld their argument that the allegations, facts, offenses and respondents charged in the case were the same as those contained in an earlier complaint filed by civilian agent Mary Ong before the Ombudsman's office on Jan. 8.

Rosebud

Ong, also known as Rosebud, had been employed as a Chinese interpreter by the defunct Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force that Lacson headed while he was Philippine National Police chief.

Lacson and Aquino also contended in their petition that a DOJ preliminary investigation would violate the Ombudsman's "prior, primary and exclusive jurisdiction to investigate criminal cases cognizable by the Sandiganbayan."

Marcelo questioned Liwag's considering the National Bureau of Investigation's separate complaint filed with the DOJ and Ong's complaint-affidavit "as involving absolutely the same offenses, respondents and alleged victims."

Marcelo also faulted the judge for "granting relief to Aquino despite the glaring fact that he is charged with separate and distinct offenses" before the Ombudsman and the DOJ.

Marcelo said the judge apparently ignored the fact that Lacson and Aquino "failed to avail of an adequate administrative remedy" before filing a petition for prohibition in his sala.

Marcelo said that Lacson and Aquino filed the petition even before the DOJ could issue a ruling on their request for the complaint to be dismissed.

Beating DOJ to the draw

The DOJ was to have issued an order rejecting the request on May 28. But Lacson and Aquino beat the DOJ to the draw, filing their petition for prohibition before the Manila RTC three days earlier. Ong's complaint, which remains pending before the Ombudsman was filed on Jan. 8 and contains derogatory information against Lacson, Aquino and other ranking PNP officers.

The DOJ noted that Ong's complaint-affidavit "gave rise to separate cases involving different offenses imputed to" Lacson.

Aquino has been charged with violation of the Anti-Wiretapping Act for allegedly listening in on the conversations of two phone lines used by Chan Ka Tseung.

He is also a principal accused in the kidnapping and serious illegal detention with murder and qualified ransom of Chan.

On July 26, Ong withdrew her complaint before the Ombudsman "for the reason that the real parties in interest have filed a similar case before the (DOJ) and the (Manila RTC)."

The withdrawal is still pending resolution by the Ombudsman.

Angara hits 'war budget'

By Christine Avendaño

THE SENATE began scrutinizing yesterday the proposed P780.8-billion budget for next year, with opposition Sen. Edgardo Angara questioning the allocations for the police and military establishments which, he claimed, were higher than that of the education department.

"It's a war budget," commented Angara after a briefing given by budget and finance officials before members of the Senate committees on finance and on ways and means.

His impression was that the Macapagal administration "prefers to spend more on war than on basic services" though he has yet to see the proposed projects for each department, Angara said.

The Senate committee members decided to reserve their questions for the next hearing, scheduled for tomorrow.

But in a statement, Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin described the proposed national budget for 2002 as a "people-focused budget that is anchored on fiscal discipline, fighting poverty and regaining the people's trust in government."

Attainable

Boncodin assured the Senate committee members that the proposed budget took into account "attainable macroeconomic targets such as real growth rate of at least 4.3 percent, inflation rate of between 10 and 11 percent and a foreign exchange rate averaging P50 to P51 per US dollar.

Angara conceded that the education department did get the biggest allocation of P104.5 billion, slightly more than last year's P98.1 billion.

But the senator noted that if the proposed allocations for the defense (P69.8 billion) and interior (P44.5 billion) were to be combined, the amount would come to P114.3 billion.

Angara said he would ask budget and finance officials in the next budget hearing why the allocations for the two departments had to be increased.

Last year, the approved budget for defense and interior were P54.6 billion and P37.2 billion, respectively.

Asked whether he thought the increased allocations for the two departments might indicate that the country was plagued with peace and order problems, he agreed.

The Department of Interior and Local Government supervises the police.

Sen. John Osmeña, chair of the Senate finance committee, said it was likely that the proposed 2002 budget would be slashed by P70 to P80 billion in order to keep budget deficit targets.

He hinted that the interior and defense allocations might suffer cuts.

Cuts needed

Osmeña said the cuts were needed as he noted that the estimated income from revenues was "overstated" by P70 to P80 billion.

He said internal revenue bureau's collection effort was "problematic" as he expressed doubts the agency would make an immediate "dramatic" hike in collections.

The government's total projected income from revenue collection was P650 billion while the budget deficit was placed at P130 billion, he said.

"To keep the budget deficit at its target level, we have to cut expenditures . . . but definitely it won't be on basic services," Osmeña said.

Reminded that the military has plans to finally push for the modernization of the Armed Forces next year, Osmeña said the defense department can achieve this through the foreign assistance programs and not from relying solely on the money of the Filipino people.

2 more sectoral reps proclaimed

THE COMMISSION on Elections yesterday proclaimed two more winning party-list representatives, bringing the number of party-list solons in the House of Representatives to five but still short of the 52 seats allotted for party-list groups.

Etta Rosales of Akbayan (Citizens Action Party) and Benjamin Cruz of Luzon Farmers Party (Butil) were proclaimed at 2:30 p.m. by four Comelec commissioners sitting as the National Board of Canvassers.

Rosales and Cruz shall be second-term representatives of their respective party-list groups. They were among the 14 party-list representatives who served in the 11th Congress after winning in the first party-list elections in 1998.

Akbayan and Cruz got 377,850 and 330,282 votes, respectively, representing 2.5 percent and 2.1 percent of the total votes cast in the May 14 elections. Under the party-list law, a group shall be entitled to a seat if it gets a minimum of two percent of the total votes cast.

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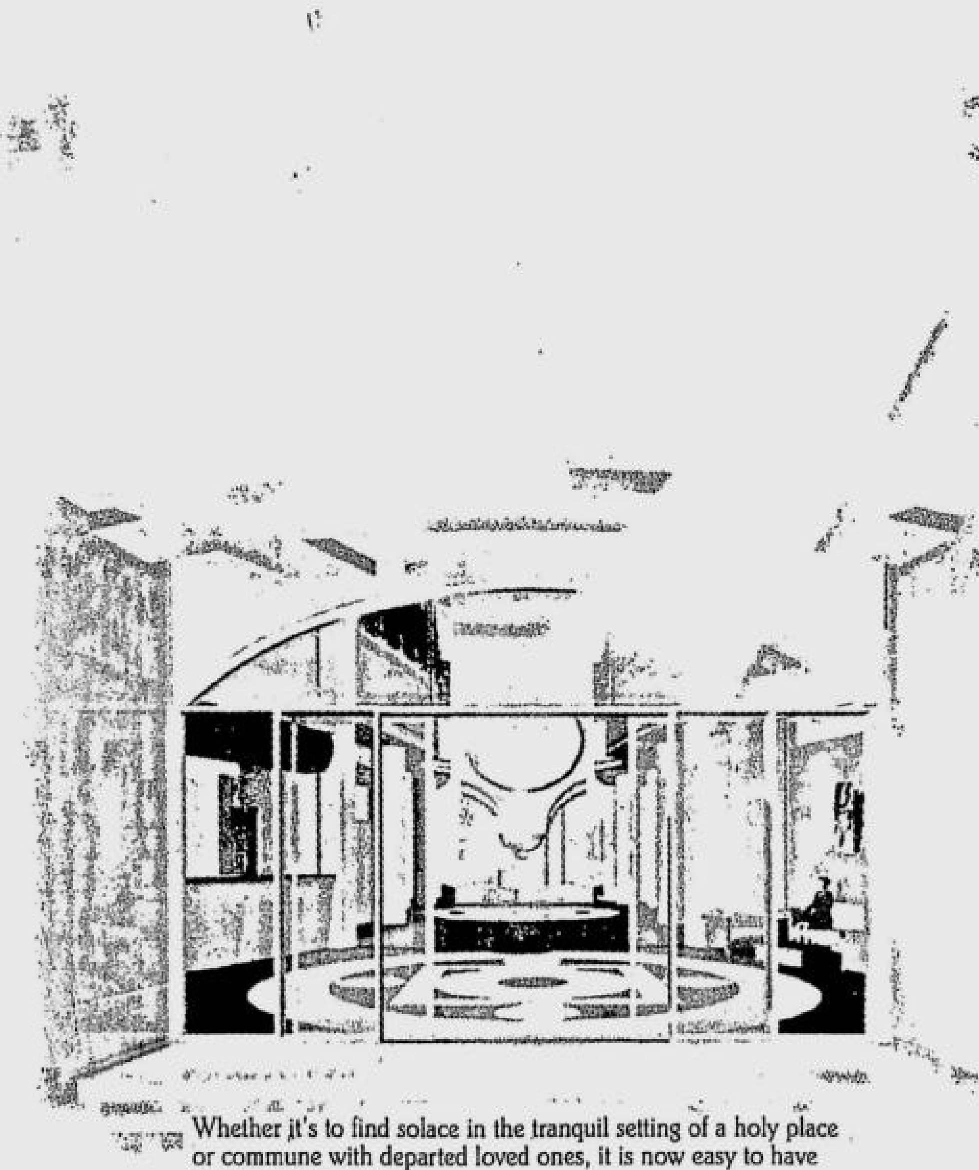

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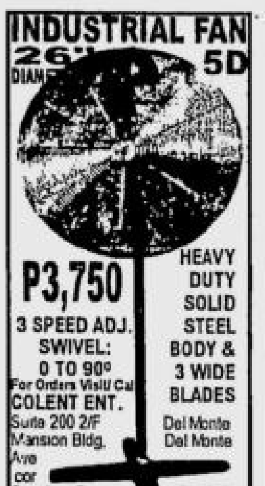
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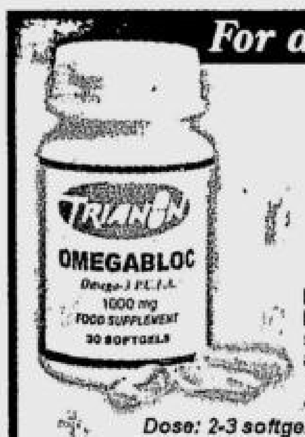
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Gloria: No to jai alai

By Juliet L. Javellana

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo abhors gambling and will not allow jai alai operations to resume, despite a recent Supreme Court ruling allowing the government to reopen the frontons.

"The President does not intend to allow Pagcor (Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp.) to resume operating jai alai games," Presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao said at a news briefing yesterday.

"Jai alai, she believes, is another form of gambling and it is her policy that this government will not encourage the expansion or proliferation of gambling," Tiglao said.

Acting on a petition brought before it by several congressmen in 1999, the Supreme Court ruled last week that Pagcor, but not its private partners, could resume jai alai operations in the country.

The SC ruling though appears to have been for naught.

Tiglao said the President is firmly against any form of gambling.

"She's against gambling as it undermines the moral fiber of the country. Jai alai would be another venue for gambling," Tiglao said.

He said Pagcor should take the cue and abandon the idea of operating jai alai.

"The Pagcor chairman is an appointee of the President, whose policies he is expected to follow," he said.

Tiglao said the private companies that initially held a Pagcor franchise to operate jai alai—Belle Corp. and Filgames—cannot sue the government for damages.

"It was a contract the Supreme Court essentially said should not have been undertaken. Legally, it was null and void from the beginning so no damages can be filed against the government," Tiglao said.

Rep. Juan Miguel Zubiri (Lakas, Bukidnon) and Federico Sandoval (Lakas, Malabon-Navotas) hailed Malacañang's decision not to allow Pagcor to operate jai alai.

"President Macapagal is being consistent with her position that is staunchly against vice," said Zubiri who, together with Sandoval, former Quezon City congressman now Housing Secretary Michael Defensor and former Cebu Rep. Raoul del Mar, filed the petition before the SC.

They argued that the power to grant a permit for a private corporation to operate jai alai did not lie with Pagcor but with Congress.

Sandoval said they would appeal the SC ruling, because "the high court must recognize that Congress has the sole power to grant franchises like this."

"We have to win at the SC, or Pagcor in the future could use this as a precedent to justify operations of other gambling games," he said. *With Rocky Nazareno*

Solons' advances down to ₱18M, says Barbers

By Volt Contreras

THE ADVANCES that congressmen incurred last year and which have remained unliquidated amount to only P18 million, not P120 million, Rep. Robert Ace Barbers said.

Barbers, the chair of the House committee on accounts, was reacting to an INQUIRER report on the Commission on Audit's findings on the House members' spending from January to December 2000.

Barbers (Lakas, Surigao del Norte) did not dispute the accuracy of the figures in the COA report, but said the figures were true "as of February or March this year."

He explained that the reelected representatives were able to liquidate their expenses last June 30.

Barbers explained that the P18 million that remain unliquidated as of July 2001 consisted of travel cash advances.

He also said that the House's reported P60-million "overdraft"—expenditures made in excess of the budget—has already been settled "to zero balance."

The COA learned that the Congress budget officer had charged current obligations to cash allocations instead of allotments, resulting in the overdraft.

Barbers explained that the Department of Budget and Management has belatedly issued Special Allotment Release Orders (SAROs) authorizing a new tranche of congressional allotments.

The reported overdraft, he said, mainly covered the P5-million "unprogrammed" budget for the 11-member House impeachment prosecution panel; the mandated 10-percent increase for government employees totaling P30 million; and about P24 million in "additional" benefits for House employees.

"The House opted to use money in hand even though there were no SAROs being released yet. Actually it's the DBM that proved remiss here—and it has admitted this. And eventually this was corrected because this went back to zero balance," Barbers explained.

The House had the money to spend for these items even though these were not programmed in its budget, he said.

Governor blames MILF for kidnap

KIDAPAWAN CITY—North Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol has urged the government to file a protest with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front over its alleged role in the recent abduction of Chinese workers in Mindanao.

Piñol made the appeal after he briefed Zhu Tao Ying, China's consul general in Manila, about the MILF's supposed participation in the abduction of Zhang Zhongquiang and four others.

Zhongquiang and another hostage, Xue Xing, were killed in a subsequent firefight between the military and the kidnap gang.

A spokesperson for the rebel group, however, dismissed the allegation as "recycled."

"This is nothing new. Piñol has been making the rounds accusing the MILF of participating in the kidnapping of the Chinese. We have already answered that," Eid Kabalu, MILF spokesperson, said.

He said Presidential Assistant for Mindanao Jesus Dureza and the military had cleared the MILF of participation in the abduction.

Piñol said that although the abduction of Zhongquiang on June 20 was planned by the sons of Mayor Macabangen Montawal of Pagalungan in Maguindanao, its implementation was carried out through a contact person who was an MILF member.

Piñol identified the MILF member as Jimmy Navaja, a worker on the P3-billion irrigation project for which Zhongquiang's firm, China Import-Export Technologies, was the contractor.

Yesterday, the military tagged the MILF's 103rd Brigade as the protector of "Pentagon," the bandit group believed responsible for kidnapping the Chinese workers.

Brig. Gen. Edilberto Adan, Armed Forces of the Philippines spokesperson, said the brigade under Commander Kagi Abbas provided the Pentagon with at least 50 fighters. *Carlito Pablo with Rosa-May de Guzman and Allan A. Nawal, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Stress-free jail for Jinggoy?

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Mayor Jinggoy Estrada.

Dr. Lorenzo Jocson yesterday testified before the Sandiganbayan's Third Division on the type of stress afflicting his patient in the face of the prosecution's continuing objection to his motion for temporary liberty.

"It's mental, not physical. And mental stress is far worse than physical stress," Jocson told the court regarding the former mayor's latest affliction.

Jinggoy Estrada was discharged Friday from the Makati Medical Center after his heart condition had stabilized.

He rejoined his father, former President Joseph Estrada, in their special detention quarters at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMCC). Both stand accused of plunder, a nonbailable crime punishable by death.

In his testimony, Jocson stressed that the young Estrada would be better off at home.

Jocson, a director of the government-owned San Juan Medical Center since 1995, said he concurred in the opinion of Dr. Roberto Anastacio, chief cardiologist of the University of Sto. Tomas Hospital.

Anastacio was scheduled to appear yesterday before the Sandiganbayan's Third Division to testify on his medical findings and recommendations.

But defense lawyer Cleofe Verzola told the court that Anastacio had other commitments.

In an earlier interview, Anastacio said that the young Estrada's heart condition had improved but he also recommended that he be confined at home.

He said the "stress factor" would still take its toll on Jinggoy Estrada even inside a hospital, like the VMCC.

"Psychologically, it's very, very difficult for him," Anastacio said.

Upon questioning by the court, however, Jocson said he was Jinggoy Estrada's second cousin and that he was also the one who chose Anastacio to monitor his heart condition.

Since he and his father were transferred to the VMCC in May, the young Estrada had been brought to the Makati Medical Center twice because of the sudden increase of enzymes that suggested a heart injury. The first time was in July, the second was on Aug. 6.

Jocson said that Jinggoy Estrada suffered a mild heart attack in 1995 while he was campaigning for mayor of San Juan.

According to Jocson, the heart injury had not totally healed.

Since they were arrested on April 25, both Jinggoy Estrada and his father have been complaining of various ailments to justify their plea for house arrest.

Jocson said that the former President Estrada continued to suffer from weak knees and that he was having difficulty exercising on the treadmill.

"One eye is also bad, the left eye," he said.

The elder Estrada's gallstones, which were first discovered in the middle of last year during an executive check-up, had not been removed.

The ousted President earlier said he also felt depressed inside the hospital.

Jocson did not say if the elder Estrada continued to experience from bouts of depression.

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Ador retracted, says Loren; not true, says his lawyer

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last Thursday.

"He approached me after the executive session last week, saying: 'May I have your hand, senator,'" she said, taking this reporter's hand, and shaking it to demonstrate the act. "I apologize to you, I made a mistake."

She said they were then walking out of the Carlos Padilla room where the session was held when Mawanay made the apology.

"She may have looked like you," she quoted him as saying, referring to his earlier statement that it was Legarda herself who allegedly paid him for 1,000 smuggled cell phones with an P8.9-million check.

"I told him: 'It's really up to you on what you want to do. Why are you doing this to me?'" she said.

In response, Mawanay reportedly repeated his apology, assuring her that "I'll make a public retraction" and "clarify the matter."

No retraction

But Argee Guevarra, one of Mawanay's lawyers, denied Legarda's claim categorically. He also said that as far as he knew, the only time Legarda and Mawanay met after the hearing was at television studio. Footage from that chance encounter shows Legarda talking to the host Kris Aquino or Guevara, but not to Mawanay.

The INQUIRER has also learned that a "particular senator" sent a one-page letter, containing 10 lines in 20-point letters, containing "pointers" on what Mawanay's retraction letter should contain.

The INQUIRER source said the talking points were written in Filipino and read in part, "I may have made a mistake and I may have been used."

The source also said that a staff of the senator handcarried the letter to Mawanay. It was reportedly handed to Mawanay yesterday morning. He did not say, however, if the letter was brought to Mawanay in the tightly secured headquarters of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, where the witness and his family are staying.

"I never made him sign anything," Legarda said. "Will I make him sign? Will I send him my staff? I dare him (to tell me) who is that staff?" she said.

Corpus happy

Legarda said she had talked to Isafp chief Col. Victor Corpus over the weekend and said that "Corpus was so happy that (Mawanay) will retract."

"He said, 'In the first place, I never believed him in your cell phone story,'" she said.

Now, she said, Mawanay appears to have taken back his word and is in fact "turning the story around."

"Corpus knows he's going to retract. Now they are taking it back," she said.

The other day, Guevarra said there was enough evidence to warrant the expulsion of former police general and now senator Panfilo Lacson from the Senate for criminal acts allegedly committed before he was elected to the upper chamber. "We believe there is evidence . . . to warrant expulsion proceedings . . . against Lacson," Guevarra said. "Hence, let's proceed with the Senate investigation."

But human rights lawyer Arno Sanidad said Saturday it won't be necessary to wait for expulsion proceedings if the Supreme Court overturns a recent Court of Appeals decision barring the re-opening of the Kuratong Baleleng cases involving Lacson.

"That's murder and there is no bail. If the Supreme Court decides the case can be tried, then Lacson is finished," said Sanidad, who is assisting police witnesses in the cases where 11 suspected kidnappers were allegedly killed by men under Lacson in 1995.

Sanidad is also the lawyer of Mary "Rosebud" Ong, a former civilian agent in the Lacson-led Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force who has filed a number of kidnapping and murder cases against Lacson and his men.

Devnani's 'inner circle' claim denied

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forward as club owner in 1995 when the club was already getting the attention of the media for its alleged illegal activities, he said.

Not dummy

In a statement, Gardiner denied that Devnani "was made a dummy of Mr. Estrada, whom he now accused as (sic) the real owner of Club 419." He said that he, and not Estrada, had recommended that the club's name be changed.

He described the club as a nonstock and non-profit facility for "legitimate business and civic leaders who invested P250,000 each for the renovation of the building and cost of facilities."

Asked what could have prodded Devnani to turn against his supposed friends, Gardiner claimed that the businessman's "addiction to gambling" was so strong "that he would not hesitate to (hang out) with the Devil himself if only to save himself from the abyss of indebtedness that now hounds him."

"There are lots of snakes and Judases growing by the minute," he said.

He described Devnani as a "compulsive and inveterate gambler" who lost over P100 million in gambling and who once contemplated committing suicide to "bail himself out of his gambling debts."

He said Devnani once tried to borrow P2 million from him to gamble.

Gardiner said he met the Indian national, a Philippine permanent resident married to a Chinese-Filipina, in 1990 and introduced him to Estrada two years later. He said he now regrets doing so.

(Correction: In a story headlined "Devnani: I wined, gambled with them" in the INQUIRER's Aug. 26 issue, Ramon Lee was wrongly reported as a partner of Belle Resources, a mistake pointed out by Belle Corp..in a letter faxed to the paper yesterday. Apologies for the error.—Eds)

PISO FOR TABANG MINDANAW

INQUIRER president Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez receives for the Task Force Tabang Mindanaw a check for P2.5 million representing the second tranche of PISO Foundation's fund assistance from Metrobank President Antonio S. Abacan Jr. Abacan represented the PISO Foundation's Board Trustees during the turnover on July 13 at the Philippine Daily Inquirer Office.

TAMING PINATUBO

Aetas resume digging

MORE than 100 people, including 90 Aeta tribesmen, have resumed digging to drain Mount Pinatubo's crater lake to avert possible flash floods that could engulf their villages.

The workers resumed their dangerous mission atop the volcano Sunday and are being monitored by officials closely, said Mayor Rogelio Yap of Botolan, one of the endangered towns in Zambales province.

"They have started digging and they call us by two-way radio morning and afternoon to be sure everything is well," said Yap.

Eight tribesmen, accompanied by two government engineers and 11 porters, began work on the project on Aug. 17 after slaughtering a pig and pouring a bottle of gin on the crater in an ancient ritual to seek protection from the volcano god, said to live in Pinatubo.

Torrential rains and strong winds, however, halted the work and forced the workers to descend the mountain two days later.

Improved weather allowed the reinforced batch of 119 men, including soldiers, porters and two government engineers, to scale the volcano again, Yap said.

Only the 90 Aeta tribesmen are doing the actual digging to carve a spillway at the lowest point of Pinatubo's jagged rim to drain the lake. The notch, which would measure 100 meters long, 2 meters wide and five meters deep, should take about three weeks to dig, depending on the weather, Yap said.

The Aeta tribesmen, who are paid P250 a day, have been provided raincoats, mosquito nets and food, along with shovels and picks. They are to stay on the mountain until the work is completed unless inclement weather forces them down again, Yap said.

The crater lake has been rising in the May-October rainy season and could shatter the upper walls of the 4,740-foot volcano, which could be disastrous for Botolan, geologists said.

But the digging could also cause the crater to collapse, they said, because the rim is composed of loosely packed ash and rock.

Government geologists ruled out explosives or heavy equipment as too hard to control. A private group has proposed siphoning off the water using pipes and pumps to avoid altering the crater rim and ensuring the safety of the workers.

After workers complete the initial five-meter notch, geologists predict another five meters of already weakened wall would collapse, draining 530 million cubic feet of the lake's 7 trillion cubic feet of water in five hours. *AP*

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Giving the vote to OFWs

WHEN the two Houses of Congress finally find the time to buckle down to the task of making laws, after spending much time on inquiries in aid of legislation, they may want to give priority to a measure which would allow absentee voting. The bill, which was certified urgent by the President in her State of the Nation Address, has been pending in Congress for 15 years now.

EDITORIALS

Four presidents have praised overseas Filipino workers as our "modern-day heroes" but up to now they are effectively denied the right to vote. They who play a big role in propping up the economy are denied a say in the election of officials who run the country.

The Commission on Filipinos Overseas says the OFWs number about 7.38 million. This would be nearly 10 percent of the country's estimated population of 76 million. CFO Commissioner Jose Molano, however, says that only about 4.5 million of the OFWs would be qualified to vote. Some are illegal workers and some have become permanent residents in the countries where they are working.

But 4.5 million is still a big number of voters, by any reckoning. In a close election, they can spell the difference between a candidate's victory and defeat. It's time the OFWs were allowed to vote in absentia so that they can participate in the election of people who will run the country.

Some concerns have been raised about absentee voting. It is said that the administration party could manipulate the overseas vote in favor of its candidates. But the overseas workers themselves can exercise vigilance and make sure that their votes are correctly counted and reported. They can always organize chapters of the Namfrel or some other watchdog group in the countries where they are working.

OFWs are exposed to the more enlightened type of politics in some of the countries where they are working. They know more about the political and economic realities in the world. It is hoped that because of this exposure they will be more politically sophisticated and therefore vote intelligently.

The next elections will take place in 2004, just three years away. Now is as good a time as any to start deliberations on the absentee voting measure so that discussions may be conducted in a more dispassionate manner, unaffected by proximate elections.

Too much gambling

THE SUPREME Court has ruled that the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. has a valid franchise to operate jai alai games. But it clarified in its resolution that only Pagcor can operate jai alai games.

This does not mean, however, that the President should now order the reopening of the jai alai fronton.

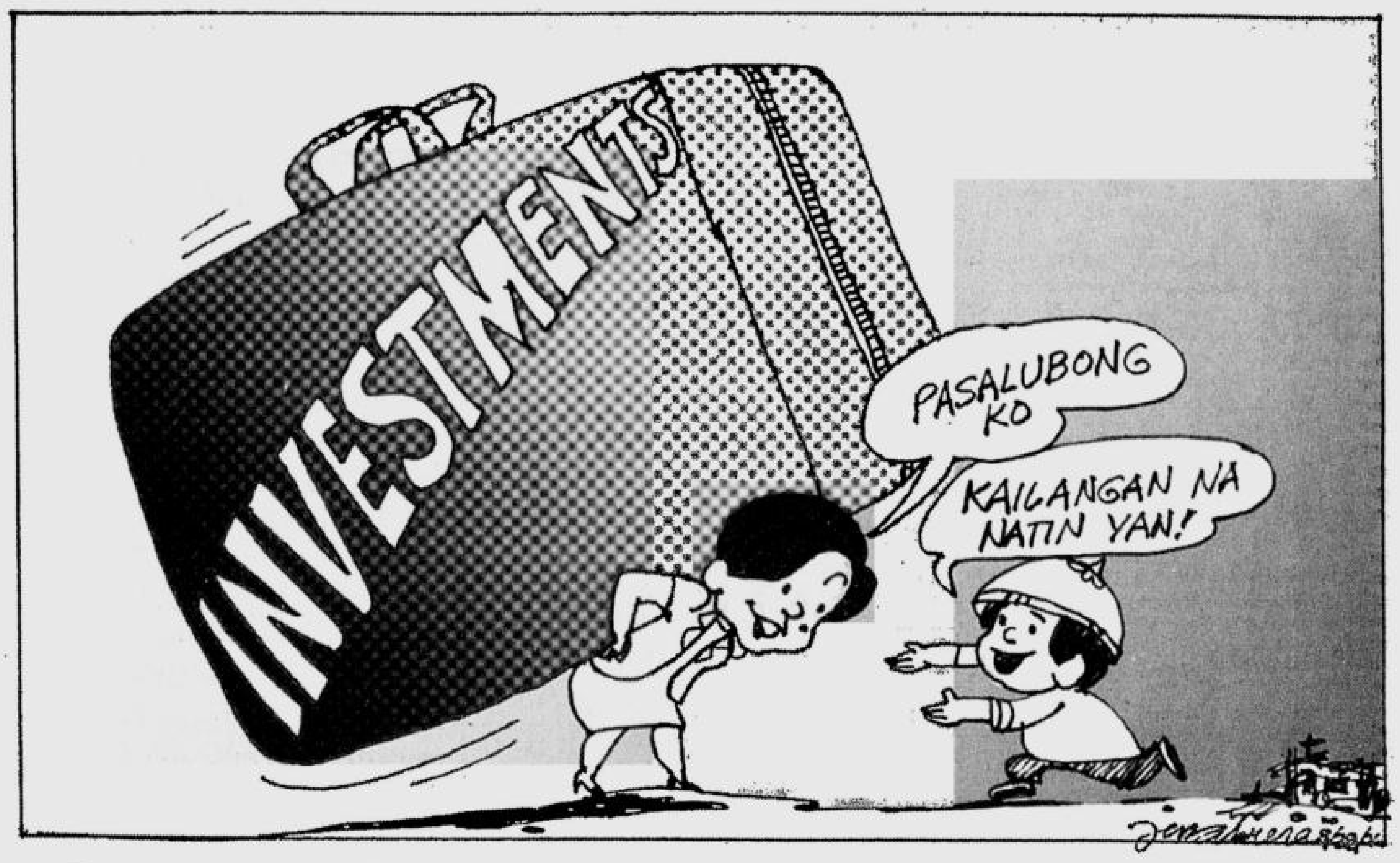
The timing of the high court ruling is unfortunate. It was a case that did not call for an urgent decision. We are sure there are other cases before the Court that need to be decided more quickly.

We need another gambling venue now like we need a hole in the head. There is just too much gambling—legal and illegal—going on in the country now. The reopening of the jai alai would open another venue and means for the dissipation of people's time, energy and money. Instead of concentrating on productive endeavors, which is needed in these hard times, people would be betting in the jai alai, hoping to get rich quick.

The effects of jai alai are not limited to Metro Manila and Luzon. If the jai alai is reopened, it will hasten the revival in the Visayas and Mindanao of *masiao*, a numbers game that uses the result of the jai alai's llave as its winning three-number combination. Like *jueteng, masiao* corrupts many government officials and police officers.

It cannot be said that there is an urgent need to reopen the jai alai to provide another source of government revenue. Bukidnon Rep. Juan Miguel Zubiri has said that Pagcor's 12 branches have broken records in income earned. Last year, Pagcor earned a record income of P14.47 billion, which was P2.2 billion or 18.2 percent more than its 1999 earnings.

One of President Macapagal's earliest pronouncements after she assumed the presidency was that she would wage a moral crusade against, among other things, gambling and other vices. This is in contrast to the stand of her ousted predecessor who not only tolerated but promoted the proliferation of gambling throughout the country. Now President Macapagal can convince us of the sincerity of her pronouncements by not exercising her option to reopen the jai alai. Let it stay closed.



Lacson to GMA: I don't plan to run for president

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

SEN. Panfilo Lacson wants the Senate to continue its investigation of the charges leveled against him by Col. Victor Corpus, intelligence chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. He says that if the Senate stops its investigation now, people may think that it is a whitewash, that the Senate is indeed an old boys club protecting one of its own. Although a halt in the investigation will give him a respite from all the things the administration is throwing at him, he wants to be cleared after a thorough investigation so that his innocence will be clear. He doesn't want it to be an abbreviated one like the impeachment trial of his former boss, President Estrada. Anyway, he knows he will be cleared—if the Senate investigation is fair—because he has nothing to hide and he is not guilty.

Lacson was the lone guest at yesterday's Kapihan sa Manila breakfast forum where he was a hit with the audience of newswriters and newsmakers because of his forthright and convincing answers to questions. He said he was willing to expand his power of attorney to Corpus to allow him to look at his alleged bank deposits abroad—and withdraw them if he finds any. But a waiver (which is what Corpus is asking for) he will not sign because that would be tantamount to a blanket authority for Corpus to go on a fishing expedition—with him, Lacson, as the fish.

Why is Corpus doing this to him? he was asked. He said he didn't know.

Why was the administration throwing everything, including the kitchen sink, at him? He had no idea.

Could it be because he is perceived as a potential presidential rival in 2004? "I don't have any plans to run in 2004," he replied. "I don't even plan to run for reelection in 2007."

Is he willing to sign a waiver, a promise not to run for president in 2004? He laughed at the joke.

Is Kim Wong a friend? Yes, he is. He donated campaign materials during the campaign. The same way he helped Alfredo Lim in his campaign. The same way he helped Lito Atienza.

Did he know Angelito Sy, the PNP interpreter who disappeared and who, Lim suspects, was murdered upon orders of Wong? No, he did not. Sy never worked for him. He must have been working with Narcom.

Lacson is accused of money laundering. So he found it strange that when he filed a bill against money laundering, one that would require all public officials to waive the provisions of the Bank Secrecy Law, Malacañang opposed it.

But this, I think, is the best of what Lacson said yesterday: He is willing to cooperate with and help Corpus and this administration fight drug lords to prevent the Philippines from becoming a narco state.

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During her inaugural speech, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo promised that her administration would respect the tenure of career officials and civil service eligibles. But it seems her immediate subordinates don't believe her. For why are they trying to remove career officials and civil service eligibles to create vacancies for the administration's camp followers? Many officials have been complaining that they are being eased out of their jobs to give way to new appointees. Is the Macapagal administration, to which we gave so much faith and trust, just as rotten and grasping as the others that went before it?

The latest victim of the President's subordinates is Deputy Customs Commissioner Emma M. Rosqueta, who has been in the government service for 40 years and has worked in the Bureau of Customs since 1962, during which she has been a model public servant. She has never been implicated in any anomaly and has never been charged with any crime.

Rosqueta is not a political appointee. She earned her current position through almost 40 years of hard work. She has earned the respect and appreciation of her co-workers, officials and rank-and-file employees alike, other public servants, and even private parties who have to transact business with the bureau. Past administrations recognized her contributions and utilized her talents. She has done her job and she has every right to remain in her position. She is due to retire in a couple of years.

But that is not soon enough for an aspirant salivating for the position. Ms Macapagal's immediate subordinates want to replace her with an outsider, Gil Valera. He is a political appointee. He is getting into the bureau because of his connections with highly placed personalities. He will be new to the government service. He has no experience or training in customs laws and regulations. Yet he will immediately become a deputy customs commissioner.

Rosqueta is known as a no-nonsense official who enforces customs rules and regulations strictly. Fixers and influence peddlers have been unsuccessful in getting favors and special considerations from her office. Her termination is obviously being manipulated by unscrupulous parties who want to push their nefarious activities at customs. With Rosqueta blocking them, the only solution is to get her out of the bureau.

Is this what the Macapagal administration, so full of promise and promises, has come to? What happened to the promise of the President to respect the tenure of career public servants? Where is justice in dismissing without reason a model civil servant who, in 40 years of hard work for the government, has never been tainted with any wrongdoing? What would now be the incentive for other public servants to work hard and dedicate themselves to the service and remain loyal to the government? What now would be the justification for government employees and the public to maintain their trust and confidence in the present administration?

Dead ends

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

A COUPLE of weeks ago, I bought a memory stick for my camcorder from a shop in California. I will not say what shop and which part of California it was for reasons that should be clear later on. I learned that the price of memory sticks had fallen in that store and checked it out for myself.

I asked the clerk at the counter how much their memory sticks were, and he said he would check. From his looks and accent, I figured he was a Filipino. When he came back, he beat me to the question. "*Pinoy ka ba*?" he asked. I said yes. He said, "*Sabi ko na nga ba*."

We talked shop a bit. I said I was interested in their 128 MB stick, which was the maximum. He said they only had the 64 MB stick, but not to worry, he could order the 128 and they would be there in a couple of days. I said I didn't have a couple of days, I was going back to Manila. That wrecked his equanimity, and he suddenly blurted out, "Why?"

The earnestness with which he asked the question took me aback. Perplexity was written all over his face. He truly could not grasp the enormity of the concept that I was going back to the Philippines. "Why?" he asked again. I said because Manila was where I lived and worked.

He said there was no lack of work in America, and if one were industrious and frugal enough, one would get ahead in no time at all. He himself had been a high school teacher in Iloilo, but he came to a dead end there. He barely earned enough to keep his family's body and soul together (he had a couple of kids, still small) and his school did not allow teachers to study further. He applied for a visa at the US Embassy but was denied several times. He persevered until he finally got his coveted document. Armed with it, he flew to America, and after enduring hunger and deprivation, taking on one odd job after another, he landed the position of clerk in the shop. He had been three years there, rising through the ranks through diligence and hard work until he was put in charge of the camera section. All the trouble he took to get a visa, he said, had finally paid off. He would not dream of going back to Iloilo in a hundred years. Why anybody would, he didn't know.

I did not ask him whether his papers allowed him to work. Most Filipinos in the United States who had been there for less than 10 years did not. And I did not wish to pry. He gave me his card, and said if I should change my mind about leaving I could get in touch with him every so often and he'd tell me about upcoming sales in the store. He was still shaking his head when I went for the door.

His case is by no means an exception. While I was there, I was astounded to learn that a well-known composer had also decided to try his luck in America. Though he was doing reasonably well here, he too felt he had reached a dead end. The deluge of cheap foreign material and the ravages of piracy finally compelled him to look for a market elsewhere. Where better than America, where a Filipino community thrived, and where a bigger market beckoned, if it could be cracked.

The same was true of an equally well-known pianist who had played for more than 25 years in one of the biggest hotels here. He too had packed his bags for America. He has been there for a year now, playing in bars and restaurants, largely for the Filipino community. His reason for leaving? He had reached a dead end as well. Though his job paid reasonably well, it left no room for growth, his audience craving for the same songs over and over for the last 25 years. He was already restless when I saw him a couple of years back, complaining of rust and being reduced to mediocrity by lack of ambition. He was a concert pianist once and longed to be so again. He had always thought of leaving, he said, but the comfort and security of his job kept pulling him back. So finally he chose to make the break—but in America!

Yet another well-known musician, whose band was at the forefront of OPM in the '70s, wrote to a friend of mine in California that he was packing his bags and leaving Manila. The bandleader has since gone into advertising while composing on the side but has also reached a dead end. He phrased his decision in the most revealing terms. "I've had it," he said, "I'm throwing in the towel."

I do not know what to say about all this. This is no longer a case of the overseas Filipino workers leaving the country out of dire economic circumstances, this is a case of some of the country's best and brightest leaving the country out of, well, a sense of despair. Or at least, a lack of hope, a feeling of running into a brick wall. I do not know if their decision to sojourn abroad is merely a temporary one, a need to escape for a while until things get better in this country, though decisions like that get to be very illusory in the end: Living abroad grows its own roots—family, relations, work—that are not so easy to cut down when the "time" comes. I put "time" in quotation marks because it is very often a time that never comes. It's the sort of thing that gets pushed back again and again until it recedes into the horizon.

It's not just the musicians that are lining up at the airport, largely with America as destination. It's writers, engineers, doctors, and, well, teachers. Though I love musicians, it's really the high school teacher I spoke with in the shop in California whose leaving, and whose wholehearted dedication to the idea of not ever coming back, affected me. He is a loss of incomparable dimensions, the greater for the loss not just being physical. But it's a new and very real phenomenon, the spectacle of late of people whom you would least expect to go packing their bags and going. Of some of the country's greatest assets braving the storm because their country can no longer offer them refuge or shelter.

You know there's something wrong somewhere when the best a country has to offer begin to think of their country as a dead end.

Senate at the crossroads

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

THE SENATE, under the leadership of Senate President Franklin Drilon, is once again at a critical crossroads with the current investigation of the allegations of Col. Victor Corpus against Sen. Panfilo Lacson. The question is what to do with these allegations. Should the Senate continue with the investigations and in fact, go deeper into the interrelated issues of organized crime such as drug trafficking and its fruits like the laundering of huge fortunes in private accounts abroad, or should it stop at this point? Seven or eight senators from various parties are said to favor continuing the investigations, while at least two opposition senators are on record as wanting to stop them, allegedly for lack of "solid evidence."

That makes 10 senators who have made their position known, but, as Jesus asked of the nine lepers, where are the 14 others? Where do they stand? Public opinion has been clamoring for a continuation of the investigations in the interest of getting at the truth. The public appears agitated because its memory is still fresh about how more than half of the Senate allowed themselves to be used to obstruct justice during the impeachment trial of Joseph Estrada. Will they do this again on the issues Corpus has raised? The country keenly watches what the Senate will do.

The example and inspiration of the US Congress ought to give our Senate, which is perhaps weakening because of the pressure to "protect" the institution or because some of its members have a lot to hide in its resolve to pursue the investigations. If the US Congress had weakened in its resolve to crack organized crime, it would never have brought to the surface the "rogues' gallery" of prominent political leaders from foreign countries whose ill-gotten loot were parked in half a dozen big US banks, prompting suspicions that they had violated some US banking laws. Among these banks were Citibank, the Bank of New York and the Commercial Bank of San Francisco.

To a lesser degree, the same spirit of reform moved the Swiss Parliament in a manner unprecedented in Switzerland's history, to undertake steps that led to the repatriation of the $650 million in Marcos' loot to RP.

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From various newspaper accounts of those investigations conducted by US Congress, members of both the Republican majority and the Democratic minority worked to unveil a "systematic pattern of deficiencies" in the US banks that made them vulnerable to money-laundering. For instance, due diligence was not exercised in securing background information on favored multi-million depositors or the source of their wealth. There was also the overwhelming tendency to protect the client at all costs.

One of the most notorious banking practices uncovered during the hearings is the phenomenon called "private banking." This refers to one of the most secretive practices of the global financial system, in which wealthy bank customers are given extra care and discretion by what's really a super bank within the bank. The Senate committee discovered that private banks, whose roster never appears in the general bank listing, managed more than $15 trillion in assets, with one big private bank alone having 40,000 customers, 350 of them officials or their families.

A knowledgeable source here pointed out that perhaps some of the accounts that are being traced are in fact in private banking, which is why they are beyond ordinary reach. A local example of this was the multi-billion Jose Velarde account.

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The US Congress investigations also revealed the weakness of US banking laws, e.g., the narrow scope of the money-laundering law that penalized deposits from organized crime, but not from corruption. As a result, the Clinton administration proposed legislation that would expand the definition of laundering to include the taking of corrupt money from foreign customers. Former Deputy Treasury Secretary Stuart Eizenstat was quoted as saying that the proposals would give the United States the ability to prosecute foreign officials who tried to deposit illicit money in US banks.

But what was good about the US congressional investigations was that they not only enabled the congressmen to subpoena high bank officials and records, but they also led to deep mea culpas from the US bankers who admitted that reforms were badly needed in the US banking system. The US banks led by John Reed, chair and co-chief executive of Citigroup, the parent of Citibank, testified before the congressional committees on his bank's new, tighter measures against money-laundering and a new policy to stay away from public figures as private bank clients.

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Heaven knows how badly our own banking system needs reform. The two-month Senate impeachment trial showed how easy it had been for deposed President Estrada's people to open accounts with huge deposits, no questions asked. It also revealed the extent to which local banks, invoking the Bank Secrecy Law, would protect their clients even against the interest of the country. The Senate investigations are badly needed, not only to determine whether Corpus' allegations against Lacson are true or not, but also to reform the local banking system. But the way our Senate is moving, we may not see those reforms in place.

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The US Congress' investigations in 1999 to 2000 were handled principally by the House committee on government reform, chaired by Rep. Dan Burton, a conservative Republican, and the Senate permanent subcommittee on investigations, led by Sen. Carl Levin, a Democrat. The office that conducted them was the General Auditing Office. Over a period of nine months, investigators found out that an unknown number of Russians and other Eastern Europeans moved more than $1.4 billion through two banks. In Citibank alone, more than $800 million was wired from abroad to 136 accounts for Russian clients, while about $600 million moved through Commercial Bank. Most of the funds were then sent to overseas accounts, and the investigators opined that they could be part of schemes to evade tax payments as well as from organized crime. They also established that the banks had failed to conduct due diligence in identifying the owners of the accounts. Citibank officials admitted that "our systems and tracking procedures were not sufficient to detect the nature and extent of the relationship with us" of Russian immigrant Irakly Kaveladze, who set up the secret accounts.

Levin referred the report to the Department of Justice for criminal investigation, and to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., which regulates the banks. As a result of the investigations, Commercial Bank closed its international banking department in June last year.

(To be continued).

Debunking fairy-tale princesses

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

WE'D SEEN the (pirated) VCD, but couldn't make out about 70 percent of the dialogue. So that's the reason we ventured Sunday to the Power Plant at the Rockwell complex to catch the last screening of "Shrek."

Though the film didn't really hold any more surprises for us, we found ourselves LOL (laughing out loud) from one scene to the next. On the way home, we debated what scene we considered the funniest. Ranking right up there was the scene where Princess Fiona sheds her coy fairy-tale persona and single-handedly takes on a band of "merry men." It certainly was startling to see a princess morph into an action star, in sequences with echoes of "The Matrix" and "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

But that's what makes "Shrek" such a hoot. It turns the conventions of animated fairy-tale films on their head. And targets for spirited spoofing the clichés popularized by Walt Disney, which the upstart Dreamworks hopes to shove out of animation domination.

This is how "Shrek," despite its commercial success, manages to be "culturally subversive," too. For it works with archetypes—and what could be more archetypal than fairy tale characters?—and takes them down a notch or two. When Princess Fiona, transformed into her "love's real form," throws her bridal bouquet, Snow White and Cinderella bicker over possession of it, forgetting their princess-y demeanor. When the ogre Shrek braves the dragon's lair to rescue her, Fiona is at once puzzled and indignant that he does not behave in "proper" chivalrous fashion. But neither is she the blushing maiden, for she is something of a cunning creature, too.

Really, they don't make princesses like they used to.

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NEITHER are real-life princesses living up to their billing.

By dying young and in an unexpected manner, Diana, the ex-Princess of Wales, managed to turn herself into "The People's Princess." But before that, she managed to shake, rattle and roll the foundations of the Windsor dynasty, what with her public indiscretions, confessions about eating disorders and suicide attempts, and a subtle public relations campaign against her husband, Prince Charles. She was joined in this by her erstwhile sister-in-law Fergie, who managed to rack up her own share of scandal and outrageous behavior, then capped her 15 minutes in the spotlight by working as an endorser for a line of diet TV dinners.

Still, the Windsor in-laws' antics were juvenile compared to the record racked up by the world's most recent royal, before she even became eligible for the "world's most exclusive club."

Wed Saturday were Crown Prince Haakom of Norway and Mette-Marit Tjessem Hoeiby, a single parent who has publicly admitted having lived a "dissolute" life (read sex, drugs and hell-raising) before she met Haakom and stepped into the path leading to Norway's throne.

Tjessem Hoeiby is what was known in less egalitarian times as a "commoner," meaning someone with no royal blood or links to any European royal family. But with so many "commoners" diluting the royal bloodlines (including Haakom's mother), the distinction is no longer as sharp or crucial. But the qualities and qualifications of future royal spouses are still scrutinized to a stressful degree.

It's a wonder Tjessem Hoeiby even made the cut.

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STILL, the most important arbiters of a royal's fitness for the title voted unanimously in favor of this single mom.

Thousands of Norwegians lined the route from the Oslo Cathedral to the site of the reception. One of them, 17-year-old Marianne Soerestrandoeye, told wire reporters she was standing in the rain "to show that we support the monarchy and that the people approve of this marriage."

Tjessem Hoeiby herself has admitted that her adolescent rebellion "was more pronounced than for many people." And while the fact that she has a 4-year-old son out of wedlock was not all that shocking to Norwegians, slightly more worrying were revelations that the father of her child is now in prison on drug possession charges and violent drunken behavior. That's not exactly the kind of character a royal family would want within its premises, granting that the father might want to pay his son a visit if and when he gets out of jail.

But then, that's Norway for you. Among Europe's royals, the Norwegian royal family is supposed to be the most freshly minted, having assumed the title and lineage only after Norway gained its independence from Sweden. Which may explain why the Norwegian monarchy, much like their Scandinavian counterparts, behave more like upper middle-class citizens than monarchy.

If they had insisted on or flaunted their royal privileges, they would probably have been booted outright by the Norwegians, who are fiercely egalitarian and dislike any public display of wealth or power.

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WHICH brings us to our own presumptive "royals," a self-anointed class that seems to have based its membership requirements on a mish-mash of pedigree, wealth, manners, celebrity, notoriety, appearance, taste, fashion sense and just plain chutzpah and the capacity to suck up to total strangers.

Its ways are mysterious, indeed. For years and decades, Imelda Marcos struggled mightily to overcome her parvenu status, but couldn't quite make the cut even if she plied her Blue Ladies and their crony husbands with all kinds of favors. Recall how she blew the roof when eldest daughter Imee upped and eloped with sportsman Tommy Manotoc, thereby shattering her illusions about snagging Britain's Prince Charles for a son-in-law and thereafter thumbing her nose at everyone who looked down their pug noses at her.

Maybe that's why she overcompensated with youngest child Irene's wedding to a scion of a local "royal" clan, the Aranetas. Though if Irene and Greggy should wind up behind bars for money laundering, that would be bitter justice, indeed.

Oy vey, they really don't make royals like they used to. And thank God for that, is all I can say.

Pirate wars

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Bambi L. Harper

WHILE it's no consolation, it may interest you to know that the Moros used to give the Spanish colonial government massive headaches, too. But those ancient pirates weren't choosy: they used to raid the coasts of Luzon and the Visayas and kidnap a whole village way back when. So the Abu Sayaff isn't even original. You could almost say they're carrying on a tradition. (It also explains why your old colonial churches look like forts, which they were, and why there are remains of watch towers along the coasts.)

Vicente Barrantes, writing about "Guerras Piraticas de Filipinas" in 1878 states that the Maranaos, the *Camucones* (Moros who inhabited the little islands of the Sulu group east of Tawi-Tawi, and the islands between these and Borneo who owed allegiance to the King of Borneo), the *Tirones* (from the province of Tiron also in Borneo) had no fixed domicile except for unpopulated islands where they would hide their captives in the dense groves or in high bamboo forests.

From the time of the arrival of the Spaniards, they caused much damage, and in the 18th century Tomas Iturralde drive them out of the coves of Basilan, killing some and burning their boats. Capt. Pedro Gastanvide also sailed against them with a squadron of caracoas along the coast of Camarines and Albay, and upon his return, he fortified the fort in Sorsogon. Poor Capt. Pedro Vertiz wasn't so fortunate even if he did succeed in defeating the *Tirones* in Zamboanga. He met a severe storm at sea afterwards and perished together with his galley and part of the crew.

Under the orders of the Jesuit, Fr. Jose Ducos, a squadron composed of two *galeras,* and 12 vintas guarded the cove of Pangil in Mindanao. Don Pedro Tamparon and Don Ignacio Cabiling, natives of Iligan, sent these. The condition that was agreed upon was that all the officials had to be from the *principalias* of Iligan and Bohol and the ships would be stationed in the port of Misamis. The salaries were advanced from the treasury of Cebu and Bohol from the tribute gathered. The members of the *principalia,* like their ancestors before them, offered to serve in a squadron to fight off the Moros who preyed on their coasts, burnt their villages and kidnapped the inhabitants.

Beginning from 1756, the attacks increased causing more damage and ruin to the towns, so that the King increased the *situado* by P60,000 in order to arm five *galeras,* eight *caracoas* and three *faluas* assigned to guard the tip of the island of Catanduanes that faced the strait used by the Moros as their ingress and exit. The marines or the sailors manning the ships managed to lose three of the *galeras* and one of the *faluas* to the enemy. (I don't think they were bribed to look the other way.) We are told it was a day of mourning for Manila and all of the islands.

As a result Father Ducos' *armadilla* was disbanded by the decision of the archbishops of Cebu and of Manila, Fr. Miguel Espeleta and Fr. Manuel Rojo (who was interim governor at the time). The decision was not popular because it was believed that one of the most effective ways of containing the piratical raids was to station armed ships in Cebu to patrol the coasts of that province and Negros at the start of the monsoon season (June?) which was when these pirates commenced their raids.

Instead three boats from the island of Negros were armed with cannons and artillery from Manila and the mayor was appointed as commander and sent to Cebu. The poor mayor was also ordered to construct three more boats to create a new armada of six ships.

The decimation of the Visayan population and the losses in revenue obliged the colonial government to complain to the Dutch government that their officials in Batavia (Indonesia) were tolerating the sale of the captives who were brought to Jolo and Mindanao and from there to the Dutch possessions. Once there they were bartered for arms and other weapons.

The Dutch didn't bother to say they would punish the pirates or outlaw the practice but instead advised the monarchy to take more effective measures to defend their possessions by maintaining a fleet against the Moros. Barrantes comments that this was an indirect censure but merited because of the weakness of the colonial administration and the politics of decadence. (I kinda like that phrase, "the politics of decadence." Sounds rather apt these days, don't you think?)

Another complaint concerned some Japanese porcelain from the Dutch East India Company that were being sold in Jolo and Mindanao that were decorated with crucifixion scenes in a manner that the Spaniards found derisive. The Dutch naturally denied they had anything to do with this and declared that the administration in Batavia was forbidden to sell, deal or provide cannons, ammunition or weapons to the Moros. They were sure that this order was obeyed but assure that the complaints would be investigated. However, there was a growing consensus in the Indies that perhaps it wasn't a totally bad idea for the captives to be exchanged because it improved their chances of passing from "infidel" to Christian hands, making it easier to rescue them.

Love and tooth No. 29

YOUNGBLOOD

Maria del Rosario

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—Ed.

I WOULD like to think that it was not a coincidence at all.

The other day I learned that my first boyfriend had gotten married. Why no one among my so-called friends bothered to tell me does not surprise me at all. Maybe they were afraid that I would sink (again) into a sea of depression or go on self-imposed exile. The problem is, I learned about it from the person himself, during a chance meeting. The saying that "What you don't know can't hurt you" apparently no longer rings true in today's information age. Totally unprepared for the surprise announcement, I managed to flash a fake smile and extend a cheery "Congratulations!" But I never felt so insincere and artificial in my entire life. After our conversation, I suffered from a head-splitting toothache, and I didn't know which was worse.

The next day I went to the dentist for an emergency treatment, clutching half of my head, which I wanted to bang against the wall. I was prepared to scream at anyone standing between the dental office and me.

The dentist told me that tooth No. 29 was decayed—infected after years of neglect. I was asked to choose between an extraction and a root canal.

I wanted to scream, "I don't care, just give me the damn painkillers!" But since the other half of my brain was still working, I calmly opted for the extraction, which was cheaper and would take a shorter time to do. Who would want to prolong the pain anyway? Why should I force the tooth to stay in my gums when it clearly wanted to get out? I was a very liberal person, and I was not going to force anyone or anything to be in my life if he, she or it didn't want to be there in the first place.

I cried a bit when I saw the size of the needle for the anesthesia. (Who wouldn't?) But after a while, I was in euphoria, the pain gone.

Then I remembered the other source of my pain as the dentist started inserting what to me looked like instruments of torture inside my mouth. I thought I had gotten over the person and the relationship since it happened a long time ago, when the exchange rate was still P28 to a dollar.

Blinded by the lights above the patient's chair, I started to see flashbacks of the good times and bad times we had, and tears started welling up in my eyes. The dentist, ever concerned, asked if I was in pain and wanted another shot of anesthesia. "Only if you stick it inside my heart," I wanted to tell her as I shook my head.

When she started drilling tooth No. 29, the vibrations caused my tears to fall down my face. I could not stop it, and I was so embarrassed since I had been injected with so much anesthesia that I would not have felt anything even if Mike Tyson gave me his best upper cut.

A similar thought must have gone through the head of the dentist, but she chose to attribute my tears to the impending loss of my tooth. "I know that you are going to lose a tooth but it is better this way in the long run," she assured me soothingly. "Once the gums are healed, you have the option of having a removable partial or implanted dentures."

"No, I am not crying over the tooth. You see, I am mourning the loss of my first love and the loss of my childhood innocence and the belief that life is perfect and love is forever. Whereas before, I consoled myself with the possibility of a reconciliation, his marriage has closed this possibility. Although I wish him all the happiness, I am crying for all the 'ifs' and 'what-could-have-beens' in our relationship, for what was not said and can no longer be said, and for the resolution I seek of the question of why it had to end in the first place. I am crying for the lessons learned: that love freely given can be taken away by the giver and that love cannot and should not be forced."

No, I did not say these things to my dentist since my mouth was wide open but I could not speak. Instead, I just nodded my head and opened my mouth wider. Besides, I had doubts that the fee covered psychiatric counseling as well.

The procedure took a while to finish. The tooth was already brittle and kept on breaking. She also had to stop every once in a while to wipe away my tears and the blood from my gums.

When the last piece of the tooth was finally extracted, she showed it to me and pointed out the areas that were infected. Although the tooth looked perfect outside, it had cavities inside.

She warned me that there would be pain as the anesthesia wore off, but the pain would subside as the wound healed.

As I looked at the tooth, I felt a tinge of regret that it was permanently gone. Even though I was glad that the pain was no longer there, that tooth had served me well up to that point of my life.

I thanked my dentist and promised her that I would brush my teeth every day. Who knows, even after all the pain, I may decide to have one of those dentures in the future.

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THEY SAID

Lawmaker or jailer?

"What is the business of the Senate? Is it to legislate or imprison people?"

—Lawyer Argee Guevarra's reaction to witness Angelo Mawanay's detention at the Senate

Paranoid

"Our senators have turned into paranoid politicians out to save their own skins."

—Bayan secretary general Teodoro Casino on what transpired in the Senate's hearing on alleged criminal activities of Sen. Panfilo Lacson

Defective democracy

"Our people do not have anything other than liberal democracy, although it's very defective, I understand."

—Former President Fidel Ramos

Bullies in people's eyes

"We are now bullies in the public eye and downcast. We deserve it."

—Sen. John Osmeña on the Senate hearing during which Angelo Mawanay was ordered detained

Useless protectors

"Since its creation, the wage board have been useless as a tool to protect the rights and dignity of workers. In fact, it has been a willing instrument of employers to peg our wages to the lowest level."

—Aurelio Bosque of Kilusang Mayo Uno-Panay

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LETTERS

Thinking rich and helping make others rich

POVERTY, poverty, poverty. This is what has been drummed into our ears after the so-called Edsa III.

Statistics show that 40 percent of our country's 76.5 million people live below the "poverty line." This is what the National Statistical Coordination Board says. The percentage will be much higher if you count the people who are poor in spirit, who have poor attitudes, who have poor mental capacity, who are poor in working habits. These are the really poor people.

Filipinos are not poor if one considers the Filipino talent for survival. Witness our underground economy, which supports people like the sidewalk vendors, the hot *magmamani* with the push cart, the street entrepreneurs, even the "*tong* collectors," etc. Also consider those who make "*palusot*" like tax evaders, the bribe givers authorities, the "10 percenters" and the "commissioners" in government agencies.

On the positive side, Filipinos are not poor—we are rich in talent—our workers are much in demand in other countries. The present drain is alarming if it is true that 2,500 Filipino workers leave daily for foreign countries.

Fr. Nono Alfonso S.J. column (PDI, 8/5/01) is right: the lot of the poor concerns everyone. It concerns you and me. So what do we do?

During the congress of the Concerned Citizens Network Against Poverty and Corruption held at the Angelo King Auditorium at La Salle, Manila, recently, I was amazed to see in attendance a large and motley group of truly concerned persons from all walks of life who heeded the call for action on the pressing twin problems of poverty and corruption. We left the whole-day congress motivated and armed with a fresh resolve to do our bit for the others who were poorer than us—in spirit, in mind and body. We went home knowing that there is a vast network of resources, in organizations, in flesh-and-blood people like Patricia Sison, Rose Yenko, Sister Luz, Brother Rolly, Ched Arroyo and many, many young kids who have spurned higher paying jobs to devote themselves to "missionary" (in the real sense) work to alleviate social conditions in our midst.

We should not think poor. Let us think rich and double our own efforts to become rich and help others become rich.—**CONSUELO D. SISON, secretary, Alliance of Quezon City Homeowners' Associations Inc., Quezon City**

Politics behind import of cheap medicines

THE PROGRAM of the Department of Health to make health products affordable to the masses is a welcome relief to more than 4.5 million Filipino families who are living in poverty. Cheap medicine will be made available to the public through importation from India. But while the goal is noble, the program design needs careful review.

Price reduction is the underlying objective because the government believes that medicine prices in the Philippines are higher compared to those in other Asian countries, due to the oligopolistic behavior of the local pharmaceutical industry.

A thorough study of the domestic pharmaceutical industry, however, reveals that such assumptions are questionable. According to a comparative analysis of Philippine pharmaceutical prices and distribution patterns done by Professor Reekie of the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, retail prices already appear to be set competitively. Retail mark-ups are at around 8 percent, which is actually low compared to other Asian markets. He also noted that the 77-percent market share of the top 20 firms is not unusual, and therefore is not indicative of oligopolistic tendencies.

The problem could well be in the production structure and constraints faced by the local industry. High costs of imported raw materials, for instance, increase production costs. This problem is not being addressed by the government.

With margins at acceptable levels, artificially forcing prices down could have serious repercussions on the domestic industry. If the government buys medicines from India at only one-fifth of the prices of local counterparts the local pharmaceutical industry may not be able to survive.

Since the ratification of the GATT, the government has tried to prevent dumping of imported cheap products to protect local industries. The opposite seems to be true of medicines. Carried to the extreme, the continued importation and distribution of low-priced medicine could force the domestic companies out of business, leaving millions of Filipino workers dependent on the industry jobless.

With measures to protect the pharmaceutical industry and those who dependent on it, the importation of cheap medicine is nothing but a political program guaranteed to win the support of the electorate who are supposedly the intended beneficiaries.

Instead of a politicized health program, the government should focus on programs with long-term gains for both the local industry and the consumers. For instance, it should encourage the steady supply and production of quality generic drugs to overcome negative perceptions on "generics" on the part of doctors and retailers. The government could also reduce procurement costs through centralized purchasing of essential drugs by the DOH from local producers.—**JASMIN SUMINISTRADO, 418C H. Lozada St., San Juan, Metro Manila**

DrugWatch clarifications

I AM writing to clarify certain issues with regard to the article last Aug. 23, "Who's real Kim Wong? Why is he so rich?" and also the column of Rina Jimenez David last Aug. 24, "Wong a drug watch benefactor?"

I was never interviewed by the INQUIRER with regard to the Lacson-Kim Wong issue, although I have been interviewed several times on radio about it. For the record, we at the Citizens DrugWatch Foundation did contract the services of Kim Wong to manufacture DrugWatch T-shirts. We paid for the manufacturing, of those T-shirts, and we have the receipts to prove it.

The foundation's relationship with Wong is purely a business one. At the time that we asked him to make the T-shirts for us, there wasn't even the slightest hint of an allegation linking him to any criminal activity. All we knew about Wong then was that he was a manufacturer who gave us a good price and quality shirts which he delivered on time. That's why we got the T-shirts from him.

In fairness to former Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim, one of our board members, he never insisted that we get those T-shirts from Wong, and I certainly never mentioned it in any interview.

Jimenez in her column implied that the DrugWatch's silence on the Lacson-Kim Wong issue was due to the fact that Wong was a benefactor. That is not true. When ISAFP chief Victor Corpus made public his investigation about Lacson's alleged drug trafficking and money laundering activities—your banner story last Aug. 5—I came out with a press release the same day supporting Corpus' investigation and asking the appropriate Senate committees to investigate Lacson. The press release never saw print in your paper, but since that time, I have been reiterating my support for Corpus when interviewed on radio.

The Citizens DrugWatch Foundation has been and will always be at the forefront of the campaign against illegal drugs. Since its inception in 1990, it has established 21 drug rehabilitation centers and continues to conduct anti-drug education seminars nationwide. We will not sell out our advocacy against illegal drugs. And our position remains clear against drug pushers and drug traffickers: They deserve the death penalty.—**ERNESTO F. HERRERA, founding chair, Citizens Drug Watch Foundation Inc.**

Worse than Colombia

IN CONNECTION with the current Senate hearings on the charges hurled against Sen. Panfilo Lacson, many newspaper columnists have been making statements that we might become a "narco state" just like Colombia.

In my opinion, we are being unfair to the Colombians for we are worse off as a "narco state" than Colombia. In Colombia, a past president as well as some presidential candidates were said to have received campaign funds from the Medellin or Cali drug cartel. In the Philippines, if the charges are true, during the past administrations the president of the country as well as the head of the Philippine National Police were the drug lords themselves.—**ROBERTO SANTIAGO, 5/F, Philippine Stock Exchange Building, Ayala Avenue, Makati City**

Tagalog through the centuries (II)

PINOY KASI

Michael L. Tan

LAST Thursday, we began a tour of Tagalog through the centuries, tracing its origins and evolution. Toward the end of the article I asked readers to guess how a 17th century Tagalog would say "722 million dollars"—the amount allegedly salted away in overseas bank accounts by Sen. Panfilo Lacson and Estrada.

While several readers wrote in asking for more specific information about Tagalog's evolution, no one attempted to answer the 728-million-dollar question. I suspect many got it right with the start—*pitong daan dalauamput walo*—properly spelled in the old style, but were stumped with "million" and "dollars."

If we rely on the Vocabulario Tagalog of 1624, a Tagalog-Spanish dictionary, it seems there were no words yet for "dollars" or "millions" at that time. Nevertheless, the Tagalogs did seem to have words for rather large numbers: *libo* for thousand from the Malay *ribu*, and the Sanskrit words *lacsa* for ten thousand and *yota* for hundred thousand. (*Yota* originally meant "million" in Sanskrit but somehow got devalued when it was incorporated into Tagalog.) Those terms for numbers are among the many loan-words Tagalogs took in from diverse languages.

There are many reasons people borrow words from other languages. Often it is a simple matter of cultural contact, often because of trade. New goods, especially food items, come with new names. Other cultural exchanges may be more profound, involving science, religion and philosophy. In the case of the Philippines, colonialism added another dimension to language, the dominant cultures bringing in or even imposing new words.

Let your imagination run wild now. Think how 16th century Tagalogs would have expressed their sorrow over a shattered relationship. A commoner would have sighed, "*Kay lungkot*!"—*lungkot* being a hoi-polloi Kapampangan-Tagalog word. A datu's daughter would have etched out a poem on bamboo, expressing her sorrow in Malay-tinged Tagalog: "*O dusa! O dukhâ! O dalita! O dalamhati*!"—all four words derived from Malay.

A datu's daughter could have visited Brunei, with which Manila's aristocracy had close ties, and picked up words from Malay, considered a high-status language at that time. "*Dalamhati*" was only one example, the intensity of sadness expressed by two Malay words: *dalam* (inside) and *hati* (heart, although it can also mean liver). Note that *luwalhati*, a feeling of euphoria, is generated from the Malay *luwar* (outside) and again, *hati*.

Words have a life of their own, sometimes changing meanings as they move from one culture to another. "*Dalita*" was originally derived from the Sanskrit *dhrta* (borne), becoming the Malay *derita* (to endure) and *dalitâ* in Tagalog, where it means great suffering. The association with suffering produced extended meanings in Tagalog: *dalitâ* and *dukhâ*, both Malay-Sanskrit words for suffering, are also used to refer to poverty and the poor.

The Malay and Sanskrit words that entered Tagalog related to philosophy and religion. They were also languages of learning, as we see in the borrowing of the numerical terms I mentioned earlier. Terms like *lacsa* and *yota* suggest that we conducted a lot of trading with our neighbors in what are today Malaysia, Brunei and Indonesia.

Later, Arabic traders entered the region, bringing in not just material goods but also Islam, and new words. To give just one example, *aqala*, Arabic for intelligence, was transformed in Tagalog into "a concept, a notion, a hunch." Curiously, some Arabic words may have come to us from the Spaniards, who themselves were once colonized by the Arabs. Thus, the Arabic *kafir*, for an unbeliever, became the Spanish *cafre* for a savage and eventually became *kapre*, a mythical giant.

The Hokkien Chinese, who didn't just come in as itinerant traders but often stayed on, introduced hundreds of other terms into Tagalog covering more mundane items and activities from food (*siopao*, *tokwa*, *petsay*) to household products (*bakyâ*, *siyansi*) to gambling (*huweteng*) and trading (*sukî*, *pakyaw*).

Under colonial rule of the Spaniards and the Americans, Tagalog went through even more modifications. Hundreds of Spanish words entered Tagalog, their system of counting (*uno*, *dos*, *tres*, as revived recently by singer Ricky Martin) often displacing the earlier Tagalog system. Some Spanish words we adapted as is but many others mutated, both in form and in meaning. *Como esta* became *kumusta*; *hacer caso (de)*, to pay attention to, became *asikaso*. We borrowed the Spanish *pobre*, meaning poor, but spinned off another word, *pulubi*, to mean a beggar, to whom we give alms or *limos*, originally *alimos* in Spanish.

Then there's English, which we've been using in the last 100 years because of the American colonial period and, today, because it is a new global prestige language. Listen to people speaking Tagalog in the streets and you'll hear many English connectors—"so," "but" "and then"—as well as the occasional "shit" (or "syet") when discussing our senators' latest "*gimik*."

People sometimes complain that we are captives of a colonial mentality, relying too much on English. But another perspective, often expressed with alarm by Americans and English, is that we're colonizing the Queen's English, gobbling up words and regurgitating them in new forms. Just look at how English nouns have been transformed into Tagalog verbs, complete with conjugation (*nag-text, mag-che-chess, makikipag-Internet*).

Languages evolve because of cultural contacts, people meeting as tourists, traders, teachers, whatever. It's not just a matter of the Tagalog language borrowing words from the world. You just wait and see. Courtesy of the many Filipina *yayas* caring for the children of the world, someday we just might hear a British prime minister ordering Parliament to come to "*votation*"—but only after very properly offering a 10-minute break for people to go to the "*See Ah*."

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YOUR newspaper is a great help to many people in distress like those who need medical care and those with disabilities.

In the course of my employment, I suffered hypertensive cardiovascular disease and bronchial asthma. For these contingencies the Social Security System awarded me 38 months of permanent partial disability benefits under PD 626 as amended.

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Consumers taken for a ride

THE SO-CALLED free text promotional gimmick launched by Globe Telecoms and Smart Communications Inc. shows how far these telecommunications companies would go to entice consumers and then let them drop dead later.

Globe and Smart dangled free texting as a bait and after the consumers, who are now in the millions, sank their teeth in it, these two firms decided to reduce free texting by 60 percent. With a veiled threat, of course, that they would impose higher rates for text messaging if they are not allowed to carry out the reduction.

To say that we, the consumers, were deceived and taken for a ride is a gross understatement. What, then, shall we do now? If we want to take concerted action, we must make sure we will not use our cell phones to dramatize our protest. *Talo lang tayo lalo dahil kikita pa rin sa atin.* Texters unite!—**NOLI SAMBAJON, 120 N. Domingo St., San Juan, Metro Manila**

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Planting The Seeds of Change

UCPB-CIIF Foundation marks 14 years of service to coconut farmers

Organized in 1987 to carry out the corporate social responsibility activities of the UCPB Group, the UCPB-CIIF Foundation has become a potent change agent in the countryside. During the last 14 years, it has reached out to 20,026 communities in coconut-producing areas across the country, and touched the lives of close to a million Filipino rural households.

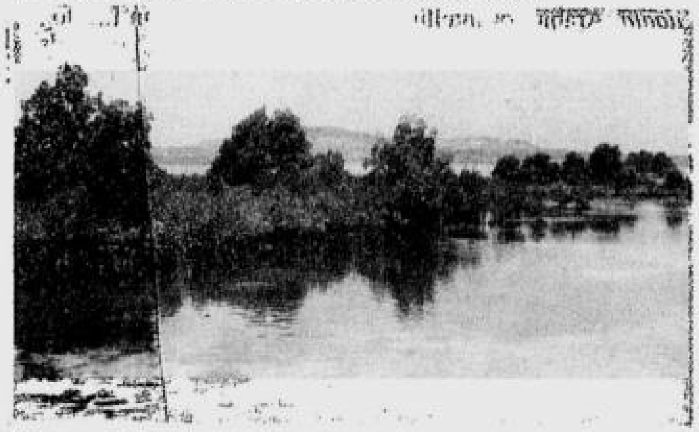
The Foundation's civic programs are many and diverse, and address a variety of urgent social issues ranging from the creation of alternative livelihood opportunities and the preservation of the environment to promoting the spirit of volunteerism among employees of the UCPB Group. These programs fall under two major categories: community development and enterprise development.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

The Foundation's community development programs aim to strengthen the self-reliant capabilities of the rural folks. This way, they can eventually mobilize on their own the resources available in their locality to uplift their living condition while promoting their sense of dignity and self-worth, and enhancing their sense of community.

Through its own community workers and through tie-ups with private learning institutions, government agencies and non-government organizations, the Foundation provides the program beneficiaries, who are mostly coconut farmers, continuing education intended to instill positive values, enhance organizational practices and teach technical skills.

Under the community development category, the Foundation has five major initiatives, namely an organizational development program for coconut farmers' cooperatives, a scholarship program for children of small coconut farmers, a youth leadership development program for students in public schools located in coconut producing areas, and an employee volunteerism program for UCPB Group employees.



Unity at work. *The ,000-hectare Baclayon Mangrove Rehabilitation Project in Bohol with 20,000 growing mangroves is a product of the Adopt-A-School for Development Program (ASDP) which the provincial offices of the UCPB Group have been undertaking since 1987. Student leaders of the Baclayon Elementary School spearheaded the program which later involved the entire community.*

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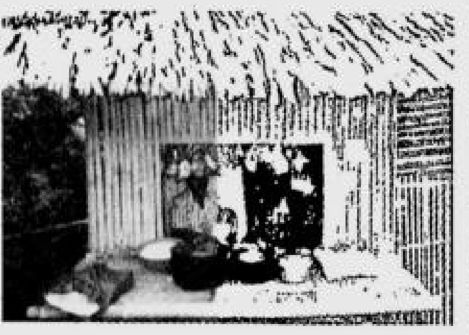
Community Outreach. *Four hundred people from Sitio Kaysakat, Antipolo received free medical and dental care during the UCPB Medical Mission held last year. The UCPB Group is involved in community development programs in areas where member companies operate in. Sitio Kaysakat lies at the foot of the hills where UCPB is implementing its reforestation program.*

Micro-financing brings additional income. *Thirty-four-year-old Silveria Destria, wife of a small coconut farmer in Sogod, Southern Leyte, was among the first to avail of the P50 million micro-finance venture of UCPB which is being pilot-tested in the area. The loan enabled her to expand the small sari-sari store bringing in more income to care for her nine children.* ►



Opportunities for out-of-school youths. *Children of low-income farming families attending a training session of the SAKA program on Leadership Enhancement and Attitude Development conducted by the Blessed Marcellin Foundation in General Santos City. The program, also implemented at the Cavite State University, teaches farm productivity, management, entrepreneurship and other agricultural technologies.*

ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Being implemented jointly with the UCPB-CIIF Finance and Development Corp., the Foundation's enterprise development programs aim to tap and develop the entrepreneurial capabilities of the coconut farmers and their organizations. Through these programs, the coconut farmers can acquire the skills that will allow them to make the most of available economic opportunities in their communities, and thus be able to augment their farming income.

The Foundation currently has two enterprise development programs. One is credit delivery which provides credit facilities to coconut farmers to finance on-farm and off-farm livelihood activities. In addition to the loans, the program also provides training for the farmers to enhance their cooperative's organizational, project, financial and marketing management capabilities.

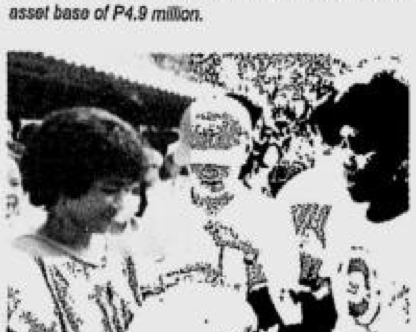
The other is market linkage in which arrangements are made with certain large private companies, including the UCPB Group affiliated CIIF Oil Mills, to allow the accredited coconut farmers cooperatives to deliver their copra produce directly to them.

GREATER COMMITMENT TO COUNTRYSIDE DEVELOPMENT

The success of the programs being implemented has heightened the Foundation's resolve to reach out to even more people in the countryside. This year, it launched a new micro-finance initiative focusing on the wives of small coconut farmers. The goal is to cover 10,000 coconut farming households in the next five years and turn them into a two-income family so they can raise their standard of living. A total of P50 million has been allocated for the program, which is being pilot-tested in Sogod, Leyte.

Sustainable reforestation program. *UCPB Group employees led the effort to promote a sustainable reforestation program by planting the first 500 coffee and pamienta seedlings in between hardwood trees at the 81-hectare reforestation site of UCPB atop Barangay Boso-Boso in Antipolo, Rizal.* ▼

Stronger cooperatives. *Primitivo Bayong, a member of the Alubijid-Laguindingan-Gitagum Integrated Farmers Association (ALGIFA), works his 5,000-square meter coconut tobacco farm in Sinal, Misamis Oriental. The UCPB Group nurtured the growth of the cooperative, extending credit and training to ALGIFA members. ALGIFA now has 968 members and an asset base of P4.9 million.*



Spirit of volunteerism. *The UCPB Group conducts regular relief operations in times of calamities. Employees actively participate in these civic actions. To date, the UCPB Group and its employees have donated a total of P5 million that benefitted 5,000 households in the afflicted areas.*

◄ ***Supporting entrepreneurs.*** *Marissa Gonzales, one of the 50 SAKA scholars who underwent the one-year entrepreneurship training, is learning to be self-reliant by raising her own corral of chicken and hogs. The UCPB-CIIF Foundation provided Marissa's start-up capital and has extended P152,748 in loans to eight other graduates.*

PROGRAM UPDATE

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. Seventy-nine children of small coconut farmers have benefitted from the program. Of these, 15 earned their Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering, Agribusiness, Animal Science, Agriculture and Forestry from the Visayas State College of Agriculture in Leyte under a previous scholarship program. Another 50 earned Certificate in Farm Entrepreneurship from the Cavite State University in Indang, Cavite and Blessed Marcellin Foundation in General Santos City under the new Sanayan sa Kakayahang Agrikultura (SAKA) scholarship program. Fourteen others are currently enrolled in the same one-year certificate program, which focuses on farm productivity, management and entrepreneurship.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. This is being implemented through the Adopt-a-School for Development Program or ASDP. Since the program's launch in 1987, more than 5,000 students from the 262 "adopted" public schools have attended leadership training and values enhancement seminars. The program's goal is to promote the youth's active interest and involvement in activities that promote the welfare of their communities. Among the most successful community initiative undertaken by graduates of the program was the 3,000-hectare mangrove rehabilitation project in Baclayon, Bohol.

EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERISM PROGRAM. Since 1995, UCPB Group employees have raised P5.0 million for relief goods and participated in relief operations and free medical clinics in calamity-stricken areas in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao which benefited more than 5,000 households. In addition, the Group employees have raised P0.3 million for the UCPB reforestation program, and another P1.6 million for a coconut replanting project.

REFORESTATION PROGRAM. Implemented in 1989, the program has so far planted 43,000 trees of various hardwood species on 33.3 hectares of land on the hills of Antipolo which forms part of the Marikina watershed. A tree nursery has been established on the site. The nursery currently has 8,000 seedlings ready for transplanting to an additional 48 hectares. The program was cited by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in 1995 for its contribution to environmental protection, and won the Asian Banking Awards in 2000 as the best environmental project by a bank in Asia.

CREDIT DELIVERY PROGRAM. To date, the program has released P685 million in loans to finance the livelihood ventures of accredited cooperatives. The accredited cooperatives have a combined membership base of 345,857 of which 161,909 are coconut farmers. The program, which is jointly undertaken with the UCPB-CIIF Finance and Development Corp., aims to strengthen the organizational, project, financial and marketing management capabilities of cooperatives so that they can become the engines of development in the countryside.

MARKET LINKAGE PROGRAM. To assist farmers in selling their *copra*, the Foundation and the Finance Corporation arrange marketing linkages for their cooperatives. At present, 20 coconut farmers organizations participate in this program. Over the last three years, the trading volume of the participating farmers organizations has reached 24.74 million kilos valued at P235.67 million.

MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. Since 1995, the Foundation has sponsored 517 short-term courses. A total of 14,171 cooperative officers and members attended these courses, which were designed to keep the knowledge, skills and attitudes of the participants abreast with new trends and changing needs of their respective business ventures.

SKILLS/TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT PROGRAM. To complement the other enterprise development initiatives, the Foundation and the UCPB-CIIF Finance and Development Corp. provide coconut farmers groups access to appropriate technology that can improve their productivity. This is done through the establishment of accessible resource centers, demo farms, and technology transfer cum post-training financing.

CREDIT LINES FOR SCHOOL-BASED COOPS. In line with its vision of making school-based cooperatives the catalysts and role models of cooperatives in coconut-growing areas, the Foundation provided 29 school-based cooperatives credit lines amounting to P12.18 million. These cooperatives have a total membership of 24,897 teachers and 571,520 students.

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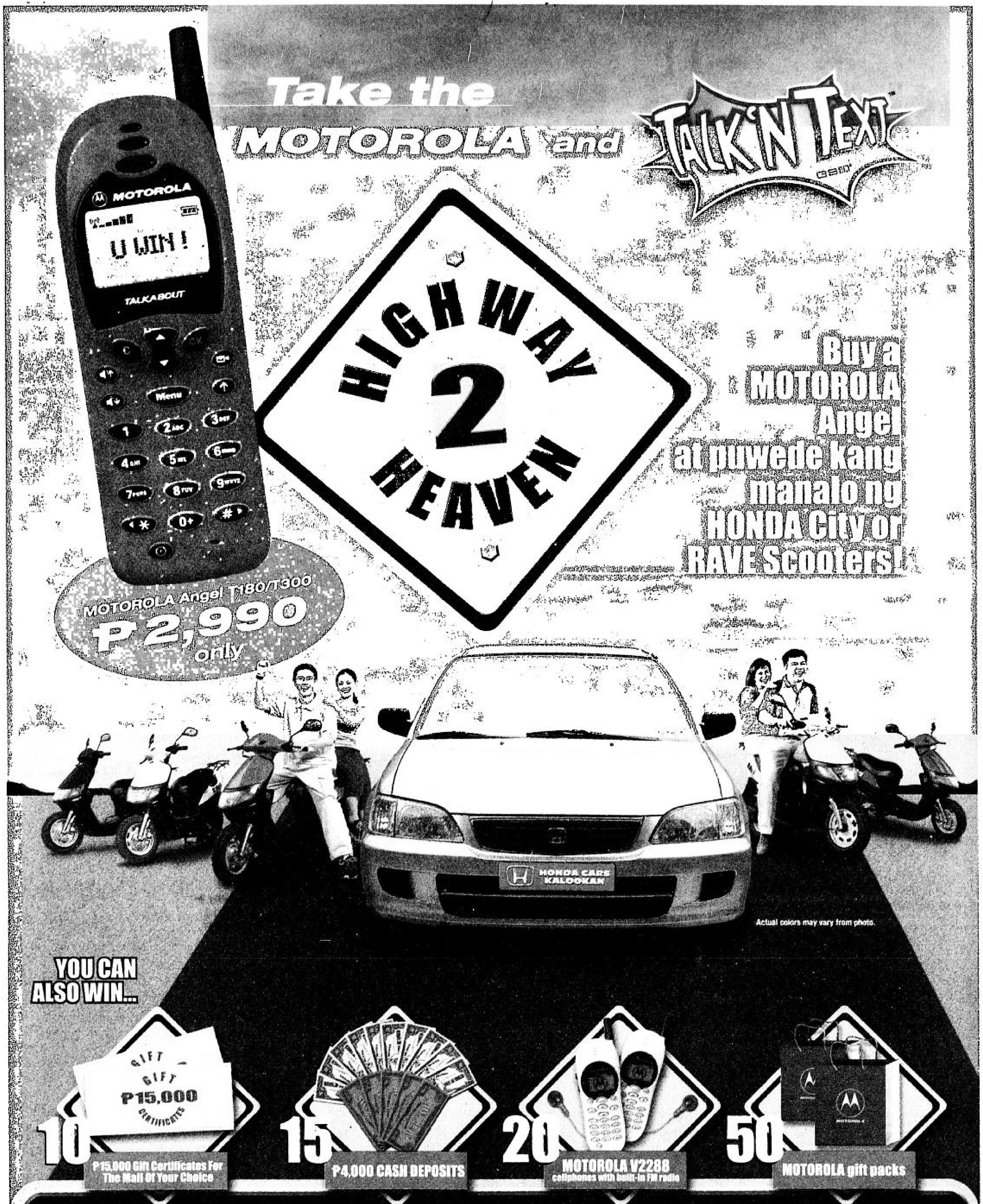
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12 top teachers named

TWELVE teachers from different parts of the country have been chosen Outstanding Teachers for the year 2001 by the Metrobank Foundation. The names of the awardees were released after the final board of judges for the search, led by its chairperson Sen Renato L. Cayetano and co-chairperson Supreme Court Justice Josue N. Bellosillo, held a series of interviews with the finalists.

Three teachers from the state universities made it to the roster and, for the first time in the 17-year history of the Search, Surigao City and Quirino Province produced a winner each.

The awardees for the elementary level are: Mrs. Ninie C. del Rosario of Sta. Ana Central Elementary School in Davao City; Ms. Lavina P. Laforga of Mabusag Napu Elementary School in Mabusag, Ilocos Norte; Mrs. Jean B. Borlagdan of the Philippine Normal University Center for Teaching and Learning in Manila; Ms. Carmen V. Salazar of the Bacolod City SPED Center in Bacolod City; and Mr. Johann C. Cawaling of Kalibo Elementary School in Kalibo, Aklan.

The awardees for the high school level are: Ms. Evelyn B. Cuja of Ramon Magsaysay High School in Manila; Ms. Shirley R. Jusayan of Oton National High School in Oton, Iloilo; Mr. Benjamin D. Paragas of Pinaripad National High School in Aglipay, Quirino; and Mr. Gersim S. Lumintac of Surigao del Norte National High School in Surigao City.

For the college level, the awardees are: Dr. Ricardo G. Abad of Ateneo de Manila University in Quezon City; Dr. Graciano P. Yumul, Jr. of the University of the Philippines-Diliman in Quezon City; and Dr. Ma Nuria B. Castells of the University of the Philippines-Miag-ao in Iloilo.

The awardees were chosen for their outstanding contribution to the teaching profession through personal integrity and character, instructional competence, and professional and community involvement. They will be presented to President Macapagal Arroyo in Malacañang on Sept. 3.

During the awarding ceremonies on Sept. 7, each Outstanding Teacher will receive a trophy, a gold medal and a cash prize of P135,000, of which P110,000 will go to the awardee while P25,000 will go to the awardee's school for its faculty development program.

The other members of the Final Board of Judges were DOST Secretary Estrella F. Alabastro, Bukidnon Rep. J.R. Nereus O. Acosta, Canadian ambassador Robert L. Collette, Miriam College president Patricia B. Licuanan, ABS-CBN News Channel business director Ces Oreña-Drilon, and Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation president Carmencita T. Abella.

6 fishers found dead in boat

PAGADIAN CITY—Six local fishermen were murdered in their boats in an apparent pirate attack in the Moro Gulf in the southern Philippines, police said yesterday.

The corpses, all bearing multiple gunshot wounds, were found Sunday on two fishing boats which were drifting at sea off the coastal town of Alicia, said provincial police commander Ajijul Adam Taradji.

The victims had been dead for two days when they were found, Supt. Taradji told reporters. *AFP*

Voter's list padded by more than 500,000, says exec

By G. Lacuarta

THE GHOSTS of poll fraud, particularly in the senatorial race, continue to haunt the Commission on Elections, more than three months after the May 14 elections.

Emerging with an exposé after quietly studying statistics culled from the recent elections, Commissioner Luz Tancangco has revealed that the total number of registered voters as may have been overstated by more than 500,000 to mask padded votes in the Senate tally.

Tancangco's revelations, as contained in a dissenting opinion on the proclamation of the 13 winning senators, came out even as the Comelec was being asked to correct the inclusion of 18,000 padded votes in Sen. Ralph Recto's tally as the poll body recently admitted that it was not able to deduct the said votes.

Tancangco said while the number of registered voters as recorded by the Comelec's Election and Barangay Affairs Division (EBAD) totaled only 36,611,362, the final Senate Canvass or tally report of the National Board of Canvassers showed there were 37,142,294 registered voters as of election day.

Anomalous

"The apparent increase of 530,932 in the number of registered voters after election as shown in the NBC Final Report is anomalous in itself for obvious reasons," Tancangco said.

"There can be no registration after election day and last-minute court inclusions were disallowed," she added.

Tancangco said the EBAD figures were the complete and updated data used by the Comelec in the allocation of official ballots and other election paraphernalia in the last elections.

Tancangco said without accurate data on the number of registered voters per province or city, there would be no way of knowing 'whether the votes cast exceeded the number of voters.

Asked to explain the implication of the padding of the number of registered voters on the integrity of the elections, Tancangco said the number could have been increased to hide the padding of votes for certain senators.

"If votes are padded, naturally they have to adjust the ceiling for the number of registered voters *para hindi gaanong halata*, because they don't want to go beyond the expected voters turnout since that would be seen as a statistical improbability," Tancangco said.

"This is something the people at the tabulation and auditing group should explain," she said.

But Commissioner Rex Borra said the EBAD figures were only good before the elections. He said the figures on actual Election Day and during canvassing were based on data from the Records and Statistics Division (RSD) of the Comelec. Chair Alfredo Benipayo declined to be interviewed.

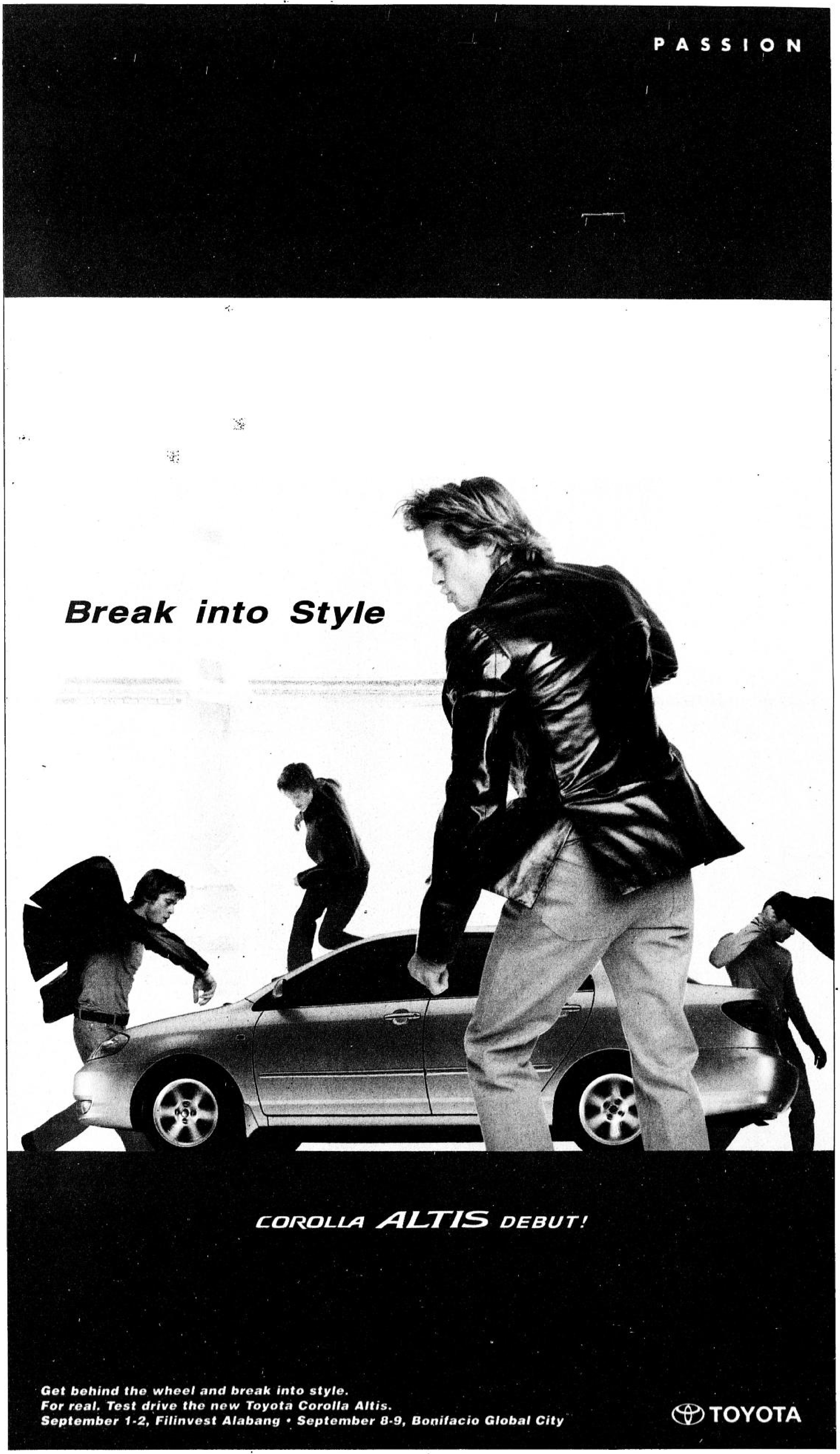
Rectification

"She must be able to show where the excess came from considering she is the commissioner in charge of EBAD," Borra said. "She should be the one to report to the en banc for proper rectification."

But the INQUIRER itself confirmed from RSD records that the number of registered voters as of May 5, or 10 days before the elections during which registration is already prohibited, was only 36,605,346, or around 6,000 less than the EBAD figure.

An official of the RSD, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said she herself did not know how or why the number of registered voters ballooned to 37,110,966 as stated in the Comelec's senatorial canvass report.

"That should be explained by the people at the PICC," she said, referring to the senatorial canvassing at the Philippine International Convention Center.



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TOYOTA

Israel vows more reprisals

JERUSALEM—Israel reaffirmed its policy of hitting Palestinian security posts in retaliation for attacks on Israelis at an emergency meeting convened by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Monday after a surge of tit-for-tat violence.

Sharon broke off a holiday at his desert ranch to fly to Tel Aviv for consultations with senior ministers after seven Israelis and four Palestinians were killed in the previous two days of attacks and reprisals.

Israeli warplanes, tanks and bulldozers flattened security posts in Palestinian areas on Sunday after Palestinian gunmen killed three soldiers in a raid on an Army base in Gaza and gunmen shot dead four Israelis, including a married couple and a merchant, in West Bank ambushes.

The four Palestinians killed in the latest violence included the two gunmen who infiltrated the Army base, a member of the security forces who died in a gunbattle and a man whose body was handed over by Israel. It was not clear how he was killed.

Few details of the inner Cabinet meeting were available. But Raanan Gissin, a spokesperson for Sharon, confirmed the ministers had agreed to continue the strategy of hitting Palestinian security installations in retaliation for attacks on Israelis.

"A majority of casualties and the greatest number of terrorist activity is conducted by members of the security forces of the Palestinian Authority. That is why we are hitting their headquarters," Gissin said.

Israeli newspapers reported that the Cabinet had approved a new policy allowing the military to hit Palestinian security targets manned by security officials. The strikes in the past have been against mostly empty buildings.

Palestinian President Yasser Arafat branded the strikes "barbaric." He said Israel's military might would not deter Palestinians from their uprising against Israeli occupation, which erupted last September after peace negotiations stalled.

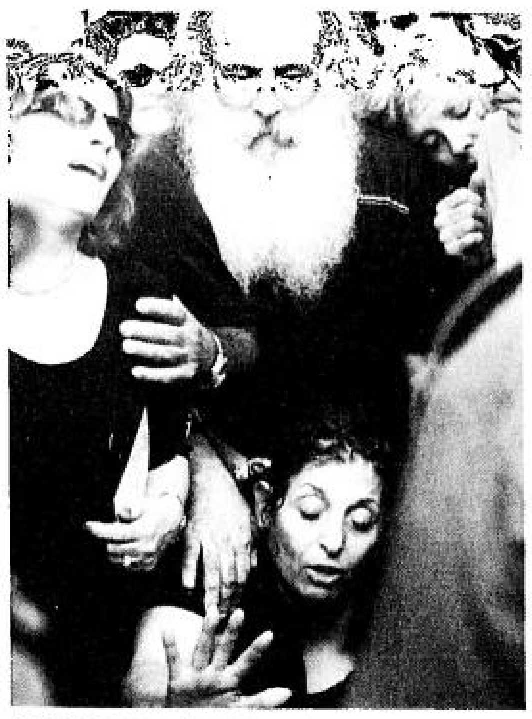
"The mountain will not be shaken by the wind," Arafat, in his green military uniform with a submachine gun slung over his shoulder, told reporters as he inspected rubble around a ruined security building in Gaza on Sunday.

On a separate front, witnesses in Lebanon reported that Israel fired shells into southern Lebanon yesterday morning. The Israeli Army denied the report.

At least 536 Palestinians, 152 Israelis and 14 Israeli Arabs have been killed in violence since the Palestinians began an uprising against Israeli occupation last September after peace negotiations deadlocked.

On Sunday, Israeli helicopters destroyed a Palestinian police post in the West Bank city of Tulkarm with seven missiles after Palestinian gunmen shot dead Israeli textile merchant Dov Roseman when he came to trade with Palestinian villagers.

An Israeli off-duty soldier died of wounds to the head late on Sunday after Palestinian gunmen killed his sister and her husband as they drove to a Jewish settlement near Jerusalem. The dead couple's two toddlers were wounded. *Reuters*



THE MOTHER of slain Israeli Major Gil Oz, Guida (lower center) reaches out to her son's coffin as she is comforted by her husband (center) during their son's funeral in Tel Aviv Aug. 26. Major Oz was one of three soldiers shot dead by Palestinian gunmen who infiltrated an Army base in the Gaza Strip on Saturday. REUTERS

US moving to lift India sanctions

WASHINGTON—The White House will ask Congress next month to lift sanctions against India, hoping to strengthen relations with a nation it deems a neglected but important ally and trading partner, the New York Times reported yesterday.

Senior administration officials told the newspaper that Congress will be asked to remove the sanctions when it returns from its summer recess in September.

Several senior legislators, including Senate Foreign Relations Committee chair Joseph Biden, are said to favor the move.

Biden told the Times in an interview that he sent a letter to President Bush last week expressing his support for lifting sanctions.

Biden said sanctions could be removed in time for a possible meeting between the US president and Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee in New York in late September. Bush also has planned a visit to India next year.

Washington imposed sanctions on New Delhi in 1998 after it carried out a series of nuclear weapons tests. The sanctions bar military exports and weapons technology transfers to India or any company believed to be connected to India's nuclear program.

The Times reported that Biden was cool to the idea of lifting sanctions against India's neighbor and rival Pakistan, which detonated its own nuclear weapon test just weeks after India did. *AFP*

WORLDBRIEFS

Taliban grant visas

ISLAMABAD—Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia yesterday issued visas to allow Western diplomats to visit eight foreign aid workers detained for allegedly preaching Christianity, Embassy sources said. "We have received our visas and we hope to see our nationals soon," German consul Helmut Landes told reporters outside the Taliban Embassy here. Taliban ambassador to Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, said consular visits had been approved for the first time since the two Americans, two Australians and four Germans were arrested more than three weeks ago. *AFP*

Nato arms collection

SKOPJE—Nato troops expect to collect the first weapons surrendered by guerrillas in Macedonia yesterday. Undeterred by government warnings that its latest attempt to prevent ethnic war in the Balkans was flawed from the outset, the alliance declared that plans to destroy 3,300 arms under a precarious peace pact would effectively disband the rebel force. Prime Minister Ljubco Georgievski, who advocated renewed strikes against the guerrillas after a blast ripped through a motel in rebel-held territory, called the figure "ridiculous and humiliating" and said an operation on these terms would fail. *Reuters*

UK fears more FMD cases

LONDON—Six cases of foot-and-mouth disease have been confirmed within the past three days in Northumberland, northeast England, raising fears of a fresh epidemic in a region which had been free of the disease for the past three months. Strict health controls have been put in place around Hexham where the latest outbreaks were recorded. It was in Northumberland county that the first case of foot-and-mouth disease was reported in Britain six months ago. Since then 1,977 cases have been recorded and more than four million animals slaughtered in efforts to control the epidemic. *AFP*

Food aid saved 3M kids

SEOUL—International food aid has provided a lifeline for more than three million malnourished children in famine-stricken North Korea this year, the head of the UN food relief agency yesterday said. "There are millions of children in North Korea who totally rely on the international community for their existence," said Catherine Bertini, executive director of the Rome-based UN World Food Program (WFP). Bertini, who visited the North from Aug. 18-21, told a news conference in Seoul that the WFP has used donated food to feed 7.6 million North Koreans, a third of the country's total population. *AFP*

UN racism conference

WASHINGTON—Secretary of State Colin Powell has decided not to attend the United Nations conference on racism in Durban, South Africa, because of what Washington considers anti-Israel language in the program, the Washington Post reported yesterday. The daily quoted a senior State Department official who said a lower-level delegation may still attend the conference, but that Powell—the top US diplomat and highest-ranking US official ever of African-American heritage—would not. "There's too much offensive language in the document for the conference," the official told the Post. *AFP*

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Taiwan eases major rules to boost links with China

TAIPEI—Taiwan on Sunday took a major step forward in boosting links with mainland China, approving a major easing on investment rules and new direct postal and shipping links.

The reforms, devised by a government-established economic panel whose decisions the administration has guaranteed to implement, come ahead of the likely accession of the two archrivals to the World Trade Organization (WTO) later this year.

The current "go slow, be patient" investment policy will be replaced by a scheme called "active opening, effective management," under which limits on China-bound business will be reviewed.

The existing policy banned single investments worth more than $50 million and any at all in the infrastructure and advanced technology sectors.

A special group composed of government officials, scholars and business representatives will be set up to screen Taiwan's major mainland-bound investment applications.

"The $50 million ceiling is no longer applicable," Tsai Ing-wen, chairperson of the Mainland Affairs Council, told reporters.

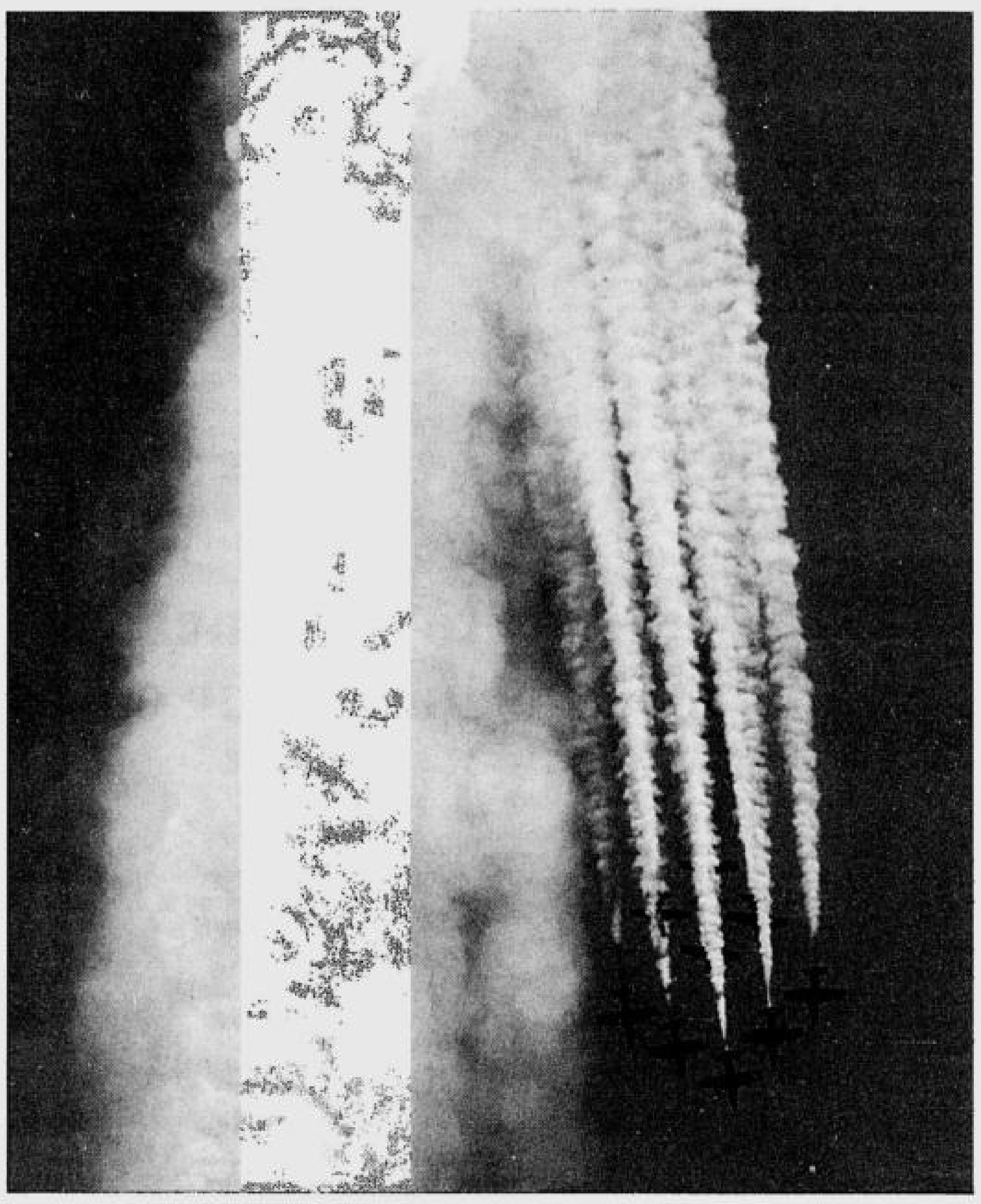
She was speaking after the proposal was formally endorsed at the end of a three-day full session of the island's national economic development advisory council.

Domestic enterprises will also be allowed to invest directly in the mainland with the only condition being that the safety of such investments can be guaranteed by the Chinese authorities.

Taiwan's President Chen Shui-bian guaranteed to introduce all the results worked out by government officials, economic gurus and experts during the ad hoc economic forum, which was convened to come to the rescue of the island's ailing economy.

"The conclusion arrived at the meetings was not only my consensus but also the public's consensus," Chen said.

Koo Chen-fu, Taiwan's top negotiator in dealings with the mainland said the lifting of the limits had "great significance" in that "beginning from economic integration, the two sides can increase exchanges from the other fronts." *AFP*



SKY EXHIBITION REUTERS

The Italian "Frecce Tricolori" team, flying MB-339 A planes, performs a loop Aug. 26 during the second day of an air show at Mihail Kogalniceanu airport near the Black Sea port of Constanta. Pilots from 16 countries are participating in the biggest air show organized in Romania.

S. Lanka snubs US initiative to end crisis

COLOMBO—US moves to restore political stability in Sri Lanka have backfired with the two main protagonists distancing themselves from Washington's initiative, diplomatic and official sources here yesterday said.

Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar rejected any foreign role to help salvage the beleaguered government, after the United States said it had intervened in a bid to end political uncertainty on the island.

The government decided to move toward unity talks with the main opposition before any foreign intervention, Kadirgamar said, in a direct reference to the initiative by the US ambassador here, Ashley Wills.

The minister in a statement late Sunday said the government's decision to open talks with the main opposition United National Party (UNP) was taken "before any message was delivered by a foreign diplomatic representative."

He did not mention the United States, but the statement was a clear reference to the US Embassy announcement Thursday that Wills had delivered a "message" from one political party to another.

The Embassy did not say who had asked the ambassador to carry the message, what it contained nor which political parties were involved.

However, reports said Wills was trying to broker a unity government between the embattled ruling party and the UNP.

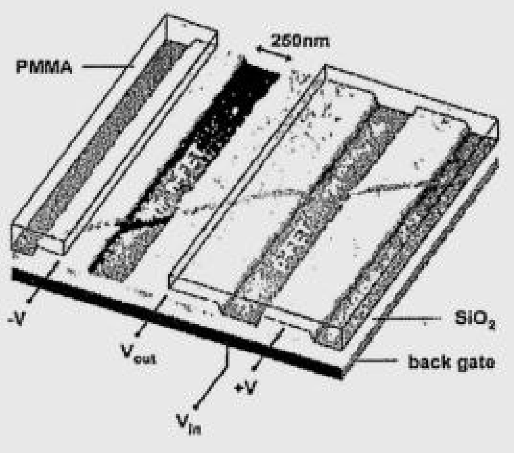
The foreign minister said the government would continue to engage the opposition "in discussions relating to the future of the country independent of representations or messages which any foreign government may make or carry."

Diplomatic sources said the government appeared to be embarrassed, especially after the opposition distanced itself from the US move and said the UNP had neither delivered nor received a "message" from Wills.

"This also puts the US ambassador in a very embarrassing position because now it looks like he was interfering where he was not invited," a diplomatic source said.

The privately run Island newspaper slammed politicians for internationalizing the domestic political crisis in parliament and described the US ambassador's move as "unprecedented." *AFP*

IBM molecular circuit may mean tiny chips



NEW YORK—Reaching a long-sought goal in computing research, scientists have created a computer circuit based on a single molecule, which could lead one day to far smaller and faster computer chips that use less power.

International Business Machines Corp. said on Sunday that its researchers have built a logic circuit—a set of electronic components that performs a processing function—based on a tiny cylindrical structure made up of carbon atoms that is about 100,000 times thinner than a human hair.

The breakthrough is IBM's second this year using the molecules called carbon nanotubes as semiconductors, making them an increasingly viable alternative to silicon, which forms the base of current chips, IBM said.

"Carbon nanotubes are now the top candidate to replace silicon when current chip features just can't be made any smaller," said IBM's Phaedon Avouris, lead scientist on the project. "Such beyond-silicon nanotube electronics may then lead to unimagined progress in computing miniaturization and power."

Scientists are looking for a replacement for silicon because in the next 10 to 15 years they expect that it will no longer be possible to reduce the size of chips using silicon, which will limit improvements in chip size and speed.

Since Intel Corp. introduced its "386" microprocessor in 1985, computer chips have made exponential advances in both speed and size, increasing the number of transistors on a chip more than 152 times.

That's what's behind Moore's law, named after Intel founder Gordon Moore, who predicted in 1965 that the number of transistors, or electronic switches, on a chip would double every 18 months. *Reuters*

Officials probe crash which killed Aaliyah

AALIYAH

MARSH HARBOUR, Bahamas—Authorities in the Bahamas investigated the crumpled, mud-spattered wreckage of a small Cessna plane on Sunday for clues into what caused a crash that killed US singer and actress Aaliyah and eight others on a Florida-bound charter flight.

"The investigation is ongoing," said an officer in the police department at Marsh Harbor, the small town on the Abacos islands where the plane crashed on Saturday evening.

The twin-engined propeller plane crashed into swampy scrub and burst into flames just 200 feet from the runway at Marsh Harbor airport shortly after taking off for Miami.

Police said the plane had apparently experienced engine failure as it took off, but it was not yet known what caused that.

The 22-year-old R&B star, whose full name was Aaliyah Haughton, was on her way back to the United States after completing filming of a music video in the Abacos, in the northern Bahamas about 274 km east of South Florida. The nine people killed in the crash were all US citizens.

A statement issued through PMK, the singer's public relations firm, said: "Aaliyah's family is devastated at the loss of their loving daughter and sister. Their hearts go out to those families who also lost their loved ones in this tragic accident."

Aaliyah, an up-and-coming sensation, sold a million copies of her debut album "Age Ain't Nothing But a Number" in 1994, and more recently the single "Try Again" became a big hit.

Just last month, she released her third album, "Aaliyah," and one of her latest projects was to have been an appearance in a sequel to the cult movie "The Matrix."

Blackground, Aaliyah's record label, which is distributed by Virgin Records, said it "is devastated with the loss of our Queen. The example she showed young people will be sorely missed and we hope her short time on earth will be an inspiration to young people all over the world."

Virgin added in a statement, "Aaliyah, one of the world's brightest and most talented stars, will be mourned by all who loved her and loved her music. Her depth and versatility as an artist was matched by the passion and devotion she had for her craft." *Reuters*

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: The Western sections of Luzon and Visayas will experience monsoon rains. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms.

SOURCE: PAGASA

Metro Manila	Cloudy with rains	HI 30° Lo 24°
Baguio	Cloudy with rains	HI 22° Lo 16°
Tuguegarao	Cloudy with rains	HI 32° Lo 22°
Laoag	Monsoon rains	HI 32° Lo 24°
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Tagaytay	Cloudy with rains	HI 27° Lo 23°
Legazpi	Cloudy with rains	HI 31° Lo 26°
Calapan	Monsoon rains	HI 30° Lo 23°
Bacolod	Monsoon rains	HI 30° Lo 24°
Roxas	Monsoon rains	HI 30° Lo 24°
Cebu	Cloudy with rains	HI 32° Lo 26°
Tacloban	Cloudy with rains	HI 33° Lo 27°
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Davao	Cloudy with rains	HI 32° Lo 26°

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ROUNDUP

2 drown as boat sinks

ILAGAN, Isabela—Two men drowned while 22 others were rescued after their motorboat sank in waters off Dingalan, Aurora, and Polillo Island in Quezon on Thursday afternoon. Reports relayed by the Kabalikat radio communications group here identified the fatalities as Arcel Caracter and Jonjon Diamante, both of Palanan, Isabela. Their boat, MB Lola Ester, came from Palanan and was bound for Mauban, Quezon, when strong waves and wind battered it at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Inmates give up weapons

MALOLOS, Bulacan—Inmates at the provincial jail here on Saturday surrendered 155 knives, ice picks and other improvised weapons to jail officials. Allan Alvarez, acting provincial jail warden, said Alex de Leon, leader of the 522 inmates, collected the weapons from the prisoners and turned these over to them. Alvarez said prisoners use these improvised weapons, which included slings and arrowheads, during gang wars among inmates.

Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk

₱6M for Mindoro schools

CALAPAN CITY—The Department of Education, Culture and Sports has approved the release of some P6 million for the construction of classroom buildings in towns covered by the second congressional district. Oriental Mindoro Rep. Alfonso V. Umali Jr. said the classrooms would be built mostly in remote areas in the towns of Pinamalayan, Gloria, Bansud, Bongabong, Mansalay and Bulalacao. Umali said he would also support legislative measures to increase the salaries of teachers.

Joel J. Jabal, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Fire-prone buildings

CALAPAN CITY—Five buildings found to be violating fire and building regulations were ordered closed in the aftermath of a citywide inspection of buildings ordered by Mayor Arnan C. Panaligan. Engineer Benjamin Acedera identified the buildings as those housing the WRJ Restaurant, Cinderella Disco, Yellow Spot, City Disco and Blue Lagoon. Acedera padlocked the buildings after an inspection revealed that they were violating the government's building code and other fire regulations. He said they expect to padlock more buildings and impose fines on the owners when their inspection is finished.

Joel J. Jabal, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Commuters urged to wait

CALAPAN CITY—Oriental Mindoro engineer Serafin V. Santos has called on Mindoro commuters to wait for the "proper time" before using the P10-million five-kilometer concrete road shoulders being constructed by his office. He noted that vehicles were being parked in some portions of the shoulders several days after the concrete was poured. This would destroy the concrete since it has not yet attained its 27-day curing period, he said. Santos said he has ordered the contractor to put up signs for motorists and commuters.

Joel J. Jabal, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

More cell sites urged

TAGBILARAN CITY—The provincial board passed a resolution last week reiterating its request for cellular phone firms to put up more cell sites in Bohol. This was the second resolution passed by the board on this issue because the existing cell sites cover only this capital city. Many cellular phone users have complained of intermittent signals outside Tagbilaran and no signal at the highest point of Carmen town and in most areas of Panglao Island.

Chito A. Fuentes, PDI Visayas Bureau

Christmas bonus rejected

DUMAGUETE CITY—The province's 1,007 government employees will have to pay back their P5,000 year-end bonus last Christmas after the Commission on Audit disapproved it. Provincial auditor Salvacion Kwan, in a letter to Gov. George Arnaiz and provincial treasurer Flory Sonjaco, said the bonus violated Budget Circular 2000-18 that bans additional benefits to local government employees. The total amount involved over P1.5 million. Provincial Administrator Marilou Kho said Arnaiz planned to meet with top Capitol officials to determine the repayment scheme.

Alex V. Pal, PDI Visayas Bureau

18 officers back general

TACLOBAN CITY—Eighteen officials of the Army's 8th Infantry Division said in a manifesto that their chief, Brig. Gen. Romeo Dominguez, has nothing to do with the kidnapping in Basilan. The signatories are Col. Mateo Barrion, 8th ID assistant division commander and the division's seven staff officers, three brigade commanders and eight battalion commanders. Basilan priest Cirilo Nacorda had accused Dominguez, then 1st Tabak Division Commander, and four officers of the Armed Forces of conniving with Abu Sayyaf bandits, an allegation that Dominguez strongly denied.

Cynthia A. Borgueta, PDI Visayas Bureau

Central Luzon farms reel from flooding, crop ruin

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—The almost daily heavy rains and flooding in Central Luzon have destroyed at least 620 hectares of crops and fishponds in Pampanga.

Engineer Eduardo Gonzales, chief of the crops division of the Department of Agriculture's regional office here, said rice planted in 320 hectares of farms were destroyed in the towns of Candaba, Macabebe, San Luis, San Simon and Sto. Tomas.

He estimated the damage to rice crops at about P2.6 million but said the figure might go up because the DA is still consolidating data from other towns.

"We are still expecting reports from other flooded towns and areas like Mexico and Sta. Ana," Gonzales said.

He said the damage to crops is low because most of the affected farmers had planted rice only about a month ago.

Fishponds

The Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council also disclosed over the weekend that some 300 hectares of fishponds in various areas of Pampanga have been destroyed since tropical depression "Jolina" hit Luzon.

Emmanuel Guanlao, PDCC executive officer, said they are collating records on losses suffered by the fishery sector.

Guanlao said 80 villages in the towns of Minalin, Macabebe, Guagua, Apalit, Candaba, Mexico, Masantol, San Simon, Sto. Tomas and this city are still flooded.

The environmental disaster in other parts of Luzon could be manmade, however, although authorities refused to acknowledge it.

A government task force saw at least four separate areas of erosion on the mountain ranges in Nueva Era, Ilocos Norte, indicating that the trees swept by Typhoon "Feria" last month could have originated from the eroded mountains.

Survey

On board a helicopter, the team conducted an aerial survey in Sitio Nabasan in Nueva Era on Wednesday to determine what caused the big volume of trees to swamp the Bongo River and adjacent farmlands in nearby Banna town.

Board Member Richard Alvin Nalupta, chair of the provincial board's committee on environment and natural resources, said the mountain slopes could have collapsed due to continuous heavy rains and strong winds that accompanied Feria.

This resulted in the massive uprooting of trees which, according to affected residents, could be hauled in by more than 50 10-wheel trucks.

Nalupta, however, noted that a minimal number of what appeared to be previously cut logs were also seen along the mountain's peripheral areas.

"We saw patches of barren forest cover. But the eroded slopes were really wide. The biggest site could measure at least 500 square meters," Nalupta told the INQUIRER.

Illegal logging

While erosion appeared to have caused the uprooting of trees, Nalupta did not discount illegal logging activities as contributory to the incident as shown by pieces of old cut logs near the mountains.

"If there was any illegal logging there, it was negligible," he added.

The official said the results of the survey will be finalized next week after committee members and the task force shall have exchanged notes on the investigation.

The task force was formed last month to verify whether illegal logging might have triggered erosion and caused the uprooting of hundreds of trees that subsequently washed away downstream.

Noting that while the initial results of the investigation could be blamed on the typhoon, Nalupta said it was no reason for authorities to be lax on laws against illegal logging.

In Maguindanao, at least P100-million worth of crops were destroyed as a result of floods.

Maguindanao has not fully recovered from the damages brought about by recent clashes between the military and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front at the time of the flooding.

Salik Panalunsong, Maguindanao provincial agriculture officer, said the flood destroyed P104,329,910 worth of ready-to-harvest and mature crops.

He said the weeklong flood inundated 11,668 hectares of farmland in 18 towns damaging 17,575 metric tons of various crops, mostly rice and corn.

The hardest hit towns were Mamasapano and Shariff Aguak, which suffered more than P8 million and P13 million in damages, respectively.

The calamity, considered to be the worst since the 1995 Lake Maughan tragedy in Lake Sebu, South Cotabato, that flooded Maguindanao, also made the future bleak for 9,241 farmers and displaced about 10,000 others. Eleven others are still missing since Aug. 12. *Jun Malig, PDI Central Luzon Desk and Cristina Arzadon, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau ; Edwin O. Fernadez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Lack of trees drives carvers out of Banaue

BY FRANK CIMATU
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BANAUE, Ifugao—The woodcarvers of Banaue are moving out of town to create their saluting indians and laughing buddhas.

"We are losing our watersheds. There are no trees left that's why they (woodcarvers) are leaving town," Mayor Tito Candelario said.

He said Banaue's woodcarvers are going to outlying towns like Asipulo and Aguinaldo. "They are even going outside of the province to carve," he added.

Many of them had left for Quirino, Nueva Vizcaya, Pangasinan and La Union to establish their woodcarving business, Candelario said.

He said reviving the rice terraces would mean preserving the last remaining forest stands of Banaue. He also said he would strictly enforce the *muyong* or the communal forest ownership and preservation.

Although the planned P10-million town market will have curio shops showcasing Banaue woodcarvings, the items will have to be done outside the town, Candelario said.

Tourism will remain the priority for Banaue, he said, adding that he plans to allot 3 percent of the town's internal revenue allotment for tourism promotion.

"There are fewer tourists this year compared to last year. I think the Abu Sayyaf conflict has something to do with this," Candelario said.

Atsuko Hayama, a Japanese researcher who had done research on Banaue woodcarving and forest management, said in some villages, almost half of the men in their 20s are working outside Banaue.

"The major occupation of the men is woodcarving, working in the neighboring province of Nueva Vizcaya and other municipalities in Ifugao, where materials for woodcarving are still available, and Baguio and Manila, where there is a market for woodcarving," Hayama said.

He said almost a third of the men in their 30s also work outside Banaue, most of them also as woodcarvers.

"Since most woodcarvers are self-employed, their jobs depend on how well they can secure wood. Many of the woodcarvers working outside Banaue move from one place to another in search of available wood materials. Most of them work at present in Nueva Vizcaya while some have started to secure wood in other provinces such as Quirino and Isabela," Hayama said.

Candelario said Banaue woodcarvers are also self-taught and their talent is part of their culture.

Aside from Banaue natives, other woodcarvers come from Hapao and Hingyon towns.

According to the environmental group Forest Nature Initiatives, Banaue has about 1,000 woodcarvers.

Provincial authorities appear to be helpless in controlling woodcarving.

Woodcarving is sanctioned by some wealthy and influential Ifugao families and lowlanders who serve as middlemen, according to a report prepared by the United States-based John Klock and Mamerto Tindongan of the FNI.

"Through the middlemen, carvers receive high volume contracts for hundreds of pieces of woodcarvings, all for export to Manila or abroad. The woodcarvers also receive finishing machinery for carvings, often financed by the same people. If in fact the woodcarving industry served only the local tourist industry, the practice would be more benign, but it has for well over the past decade been connected to the heady world market," they said.

NATIVE SKILL TOOTS SOBERANO

Gregorio Hiyandan is one of the few remaining Ifugao carvers who still practice their trade in an industry that faces an uncertain future.

Campaign fails to stop increase in dengue cases

BY ROMY G. AMARADO
PDI Visayas Bureau

DUMAGUETE CITY—Cases of dengue fever in Negros Oriental continued to rise this month despite the dengue prevention campaign initiated by health authorities here.

Dengue cases in the province rose by over 200 during the first two weeks of this month, according to records obtained by the Integrated Provincial Health Office (IPHO).

The rise by 206 of dengue cases this month brought to 544 the number of persons in Negros Oriental downed by the disease since January.

The report submitted by Joseph Tagle, head of the Vector-Borne Disease Control Program (VBDCP) here, to the IPHO showed that most of the new cases were reported in the cities of Dumaguete and Tanjay and the towns of Sibulan, Pamplona, Jimalalud and Tayasan.

From Aug. 1 to 17, Dumaguete City recorded 77 more cases while Sibulan had 36, Tanjay, 15, Jimalalud, 14, Tayasan, 12, and Pamplona, 10.

In July, Dumaguete only recorded 46 cases, Sibulan had 12, Tanjay had 15, Jimalalud had 4, Tayasan had 2 and Pamplona had 3.

Good news

The VBDCP, however, reported that there was also a sharp decrease of dengue cases in the City of Bayawan with only three reported during the first two weeks this month, compared to the 18 and 25 cases recorded in the months of July and June, respectively. But Bayawan had three of the six fatalities in the province attributed to dengue fever.

Bais City and the town of Mabinay also experienced dramatic decreases in their number of dengue cases.

In July, Bais registered some 17 cases, compared to only 5 during the first two weeks of this month. Mabinay only had one case as of Aug. 17 but reported 9 dengue incidents in July. Both localities had one fatality each.

Water equals mosquitoes

Dr. Felimon Flores, the provincial health officer, said the upsurge of dengue cases this month was anticipated because of heavy rainfall usually experienced in the months of August and September. Dengue-carrying mosquitoes breed in clear stagnant water.

Flores said the number of cases could have been higher were it not for the massive multi-sectoral campaign against the disease initiated in the province.

He said the number of fatalities was also minimized because most of the people in Negros Oriental now know what to do if a family member becomes ill with dengue fever.

SC stops ₱104-M graft case vs Lapid

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—The Supreme Court stopped the office of the Ombudsman and the Sandiganbayan from further prosecuting the P104-million land scam case against Gov. Manuel Lapid and five other provincial officials.

Lapid's group gained the advantage after the tribunal's first division passed a resolution on Aug. 13 on the separate special civil action sought against the Ombudsman by former provincial administrator Enrico Quiambao, one of the governor's co-accused.

Lapid's office received on Monday a copy of the resolution.

Quiambao, in Case No. 149069 pending before the Supreme Court, assailed Ombudsman Aniano Desierto's June 14 order and Aug. 17 memorandum that he claimed denied him due process.

The first division also ordered Desierto and the Sandiganbayan not to file a motion to dismiss Quaimbao's petition for preliminary injunction or temporary restraining order but to answer it within 10 days from receipt of the order.

The division did not also impose a time limit to the TRO but said it was "effective as of this date and to continue to be so effective during the entire period that the (Quiambao's) case is pending and until further orders."

While the case was pending, the court also restrained the Ombudsman and the Sandiganbayan "from further prosecuting" Criminal Case No. 24790.

This case involves the alleged irregular purchase of a 40-hectare land in 1997 by Lapid, Quiambao, provincial treasurer Jovito Sabado and three other capitol officials.

The land was intended for a low-cost housing program for about 800 capitol employees.

The order also suspended Lapid's arraignment that began on Friday, according to his counsel Edna Herrera-Batacan.

Lapid said the TRO would give him more time to attend to pressing concerns, like disaster response operations for flood victims in the province.

Some supporters of Lapid observed that the TRO reduced the likelihood of his suspension, which Desierto slapped on the governor twice during the term of former President Joseph Estrada.

Desierto, after rejecting an appeal dismissing the graft case, has not filed a motion to suspend Lapid, now one of the staunchest allies of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

The graft case, originally filed by former Vice Gov. Cielo Macapagal-Salgado, Ms Macapagal's half-sister, alleged that Lapid conspired with the sellers of the 40-hectare land to evade taxes from the sale. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Baguio wages war on on-line games

BAGUIO CITY—Due to complaints from parents about the frequent absences of their children from school, city officials will prohibit students below 18 from playing computer war games in commercial computer shops in the city starting next month.

Cristo Lagyop, permit officer of the city permits and licensing division, said the city government has started issuing notices to computer shops to bar students from their premises, especially during school hours.

Among the network war games that elementary, high school and college students here play are "Counterstrike," "Starcraft" and "Mechowarriors."

These games feature soldiers engaged in bloody combat using high-powered firearms, laser cannons, knives and bombs.

The city government has warned these establishments of closure if they will not abide by the rules, Lagyop said.

Under the order, children below 12 years old should not be allowed to play in computer shops while students aged 12 to 18 should not be allowed to play during school hours.

"Even children accompanied by parents should not be allowed," Lagyop said.

Jovelyn Reyes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Basilan gov linked to payoff

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Abu Sayyaf, along with their captives, seen walking freely shortly after troops were pulled out?

An invitation

"We are . . . extending our invitation to Governor Akbar to come to the hearing," Pichay said.

During its executive session, the committee reportedly accepted the affidavits of witnesses who claimed that Akbar and Lamitan Mayor Inocente Ramos were inside the hospital when the bandits made good their escape in the afternoon of June 2.

Pichay has also summoned businessman Reghis Romero II and girlfriend Ma. Rhiza Santos Rodriguez to the congressional inquiry to shed light on the circumstances of their escape.

The military expects the two ex-hostages to clear Dominguez of the charges of collusion. "Perhaps they could shed light and complement the statements of . . . Dominguez that no money has been paid to the military to allow them to escape," said military spokesperson Brig. Gen. Edilberto Adan.

"I just hope all those who were summoned would come to ensure the objectivity of this proceeding. We want to find out the truth," Pichay said.

Pichay said they are now trying to locate the black attaché case which contained the alleged ransom for Romero II and Rodriguez. He said this could be the missing link that could end the controversy.

Attaché case

A witness told the committee that the case was carried by the aide de camp of Brig. Gen. Romeo Dominguez, later identified as a Lieutenant Merioles. The witness, who spoke in Chavacano, said she saw the aide open the case.

"I saw his aide opened the black attaché case. I was at their back and I was shocked to see the bag full of P1,000 bills, in fact five pieces of (those) bills were given to Dr. (Julius Cesar) Aguila for our snacks," she said.

Aguila, the hospital administrator, admitted receiving P5,000 as financial assistance from Dominguez but said he did not see a black attaché case when the money was handed to him.

The witness also recalled that after handing the white envelope with P5,000, Dominguez and Col. Juvenal Narcise went inside a makeshift conference room of the hospital for a meeting, and at around 2 p.m. she saw the two leave the hospital and when they returned, "they were already with the three released hostages, a man, a woman and a boy."

Romero, Rodriguez and a 9-year-old boy, RJ Recio, were seen walking out in front of the St. Peter's Compound on June 2. Governor Akbar has alleged that they paid a ransom of P27 million. He said an informant reported the payment of the ransom to him.

But Dominguez and Narcise said they could present a witness to testify that there was never a black attaché case: ABS-CBN reporter Doris Bigornia, who was then covering the Lamitan siege.

Dominguez stressed that his aide was carrying a camouflaged military commander's bag containing several documents and an operational budget amounting to P66,000.

He said the P5,000 bills were taken from a brown 6-inch long wallet, which was handed to the doctor.

Bigornia told the INQUIRER that she went to the Lamitan District Hospital at around 10 a.m. to interview the two military officers.

"I saw them there, right after the firing at the other hospital. I saw Narcise embarking from a helicopter and carrying his camouflaged commander's bag, not a black attaché case," Bigornia said.

An inconsistency

Among the inconsistencies observed by the committee was the reported pullout. Dominguez and Narcise, his ground commander, said there was no such order. But Capt. Ruben Guinolbay, 1st Scout Ranger Company commander, admitted that he called on his troops to regroup after they were ambushed.

Guinolbay's men were then deployed at the rear of the hospital compound.

Narcise also said that while at Campo Dos, he heard a burst of gunfire.

"I heard (shots) about 12:30 midnight and we believe that this was the time the Abu Sayyaf entered the church and the hospital compound," he said.

But under questioning, Narcise said that he received a radio message about the Abu Sayyaf raid at around 5:30 a.m. from Capt. Hubert Acierto.

Bloody weekend

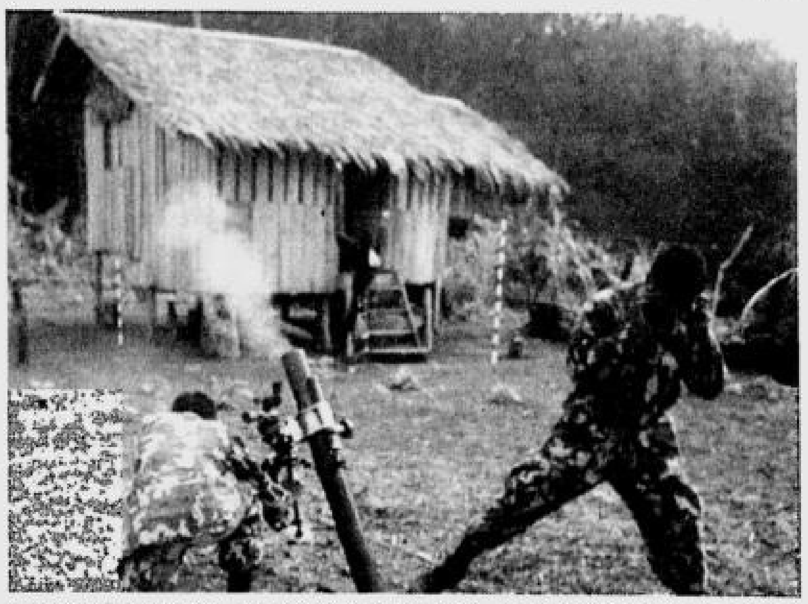
While the hearings were going on over the weekend, at least seven persons including a soldier were killed in an ambush in Sumisip town, Basilan.

Lt. Gen. Gregorio Camiling said that aside from the ambush, an encounter also ensued in the same town.

"The firefight lasted for an hour and our troops composed of 21st Marine Company under MBLT1 and Force Rifle Company, recovered 100 kilos of raw beef and 36 kilos of rice in the encounter site," Camiling told the INQUIRER.

CHARLIE SACEDA/PDI MINDANAO BUREAU

WAR-TORN children over again as Philippine Marines sweep Sumisip in Basilan for the bandits who killed seven over the weekend.



TO FLUSH out the Abu Sayyaf murderers, Marines fire mortars at their possible hiding areas. CHARLIE SACEDA/PDI MINDANAO BUREAU

Task Group Tornado chief Col. Boy Miranda identified the fatalities in the two incidents as Pfc. Eimadzur Sawara of the 10th Infantry Battalion; civilians Hadji Tasalaman Asmalun and Hadji Kantong Asmalun of Barangay Lower Binembengan, Sumisip; and Kudji Tingkapa, Hadji Salam Mujala, Kaimat Tahajid and Hadji Yunos Mujala, all of Central Sumisip.

Wounded were S/Sgt. Charite Mike Anoos of the 10th IB; Hadji Abdulgani Hadjato of Barangay Cabcaban, Sumisip; Hadji Sapia Mutamad of Barangay Buli-buli, Sumisip; and Hadji Arip Mammang, Isnima Mukalon, Parisa During, Kira Astalul, Waira Duliman, Nadaira Duliman and a certain Hadji Asnul, all of Zone 1, Sumisip. The victims were rushed to the Basilan Community Hospital for treatment.

Sabaya in Pagadian

Security was tightened in Pagadian City and the provinces of Zamboanga del Sur and Zamboanga Sibugay, following reports that Abu Sabaya and his followers had sneaked in.

One intelligence report said that Sabaya and Adulsallam Akiddin, alias Commander Kiddie of the MILF's Special Operation Group (SOG), were sighted last Thursday evening in one of the coastal suburbs of Pagadian City. The same report said that Sabaya and Kiddie boarded a maroon van and fled in an unknown direction.

Another report indicated that Sabaya and Kiddie were sighted in Barangays Mendir in Lapuyan town in Zamboanga del Sur, and in Bangkaw-Bangkaw, Naga in Zamboanga Sibugay.

But Supt. Ajijul Adam Taradji, police chief of Zamboanga del Sur who also supervises Zamboanga Sibugay province, said he was still verifying the reports. ***With reports from Carlito Pablo, Andrea Echavez and Cynthia Balana***

'If I've ₱37B, I'll buy ABS, Inquirer . . .'

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ings) for a year or two and give Corpus enough time to gather evidence. I go for that. That's how confident I am that they won't find anything," Lacson added.

He was echoing Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel's position that the hearings be suspended to allow for the arrival of documents from the US Justice Department. Pimentel, however, did not specify a time frame.

But Lacson is not all that ready to attend the next Senate hearing on the issue.

"If they are prepared to present evidence, then I think I should be there to be confronted with that evidence. But if they're going to say the same accusations without a leg to stand on, I don't see any reason to be there," he said.

Later in the day, Lacson said he might not attend the next hearing because "no one can assure that your temper will not . . . explode when they hurl charges in your face."

He also questioned the "indecent manner" with which Malacañang supposedly showed its determination to pin him down.

"Why do they have to cross branches of government, the Senate being an independent branch of government?" he said. "Why does the Palace have to step in to prod, advise or intimidate (the committees to investigate me)?" ***See story on Page A1.***

Lacson said he was leaving it to the majority bloc in the Senate to "terminate, suspend or continue" the hearings. "I don't care," he said.

His only fear, he said, was that the hearings were destroying the integrity of the Senate as an institution.

Despite his earlier avowals that he would confront his accusers, Lacson has snubbed the two earlier hearings jointly conducted by the Senate public order, national defense and blue ribbon committees. He said this was "out of propriety" and upon the advice of Sen. Edgardo Angara.

US accounts

At the Manila Hotel forum, Lacson said Corpus and his witnesses would not find any proof of the senator's alleged million-dollar bank accounts in the United States, Canada and Hong Kong.

He again said he once opened an account in the United States in 1995 but that he closed it a year later. He added that his wife Alice also had two accounts—one dormant and another that contained "a negligible amount."

He reiterated that the Citibank regional office in Singapore had certified that his alleged accounts were nonexistent and that he was not a client of the bank.

Lacson also belittled the testimony at last Thursday's hearing of Reynaldo Wycoco, director of the National Bureau of Investigation, that an agent of its US counterpart had confirmed one of his supposed accounts in the United States.

"They said there's a verbal confirmation from the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation). Well, that's what they're saying. But where's the confirmation?" he said.

Extradition

Lacson said he was willing to face extradition to the United States if the authorities could produce verified documents that he was maintaining million-dollar accounts there.

"Anywhere, even Timbuktu, I'm willing to be extradited," he declared.

He said he found it ironic that he was now being accused of such crimes as kidnapping and drug trafficking, which, he pointed out, he tried to stamp out when he headed the Philippine National Police.

"It's unfair that now that I'm out of the service, they are accusing me of all these things. It hurts. It's so frustrating," he said.

Lacson also threatened to turn the tables on Corpus, saying that he would present at the Senate Question Hour documents that would show that the military intelligence chief is an illegitimate military officer.

"What we have here is an officer heading the most sensitive position in the (Armed Forces) with no legitimate backing to speak of in the first place," he said. ***With a report from Armand N. Nocum***

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GMA wants Senate to press Ping probe

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in a statement, saying that "Senate efforts" should not be "tainted with any political color."

Assistant Minority Leader Vicente Sotto III said he and his colleagues had arrived at a "consensus" to leave the issue of the hearings "to the sense of the majority."

"They're the ones calling the hearings. They should know what's going on," Sotto told reporters.

Biazon backed this view, saying that the responsibility of deciding whether to terminate or continue the Lacson inquiry lay on the majority because "everything is under their control."

He pointed out that the committees conducting the inquiry were chaired by the majority, were responsible for filing the resolutions that sparked the inquiry, and were the ones who selected the witnesses.

The committees are public interest and illegal drugs, chaired by Sen. Robert Barbers; national defense and security, Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr.; and blue ribbon, Sen. Joker Arroyo.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel said that while they were leaving it up to the majority to decide, each senator could express an opinion on the matter.

He said this was why he was pushing for the deferment of the hearings "until the necessary evidence has been secured."

He was referring to the written confirmation that the Department of Justice is seeking from the US Federal Bureau of Investigation on Lacson's supposed bank accounts in the United States.

Crime syndicate

On Friday, Senators Blas Ople and Teresa Aquino-Oreta proposed that the Senate end its hearings on the allegations raised against Lacson by military intelligence chief Col. Victor Corpus and witnesses Angelo Ador Mawanay and Danny Devnani.

Magsaysay also said he was inclined to pull out his committee from the hearings, but he has since admitted that this was a mistake and said the inquiry should continue.

Tiglao said the issue involved "very serious allegations made by the Armed Forces, the police, the National Bureau of Investigation and the (DOJ) of an organized crime syndicate directed from the highest level of the government and the police in the past administration."

"It is no wonder that the hearings have started to rivet public attention as the congressional investigation and, consequently, the impeachment trial of (Joseph Estrada), did last year," he said.

Tiglao said the President was confident of "the impartiality and integrity of our senators in pursuing the truth."

He added: "It is unfortunate that the allegations have raised serious questions on the integrity of a senator. We believe that the Senate investigation would be an excellent venue for Sen. Panfilo Lacson to clear his name."

According to Tiglao, the President also hopes that by continuing the inquiry, the Senate can come up with legislation to help stamp out not only the billion-peso illegal drug trade in the country but also corruption in the government, especially law enforcement agencies.

He pointed out that Senate investigations in other countries had led to the passage of landmark laws against international crime syndicates.

"It was the famous Kefauver Committee hearings in the US Congress in the 1950s that broke the back of the Mafia," he said. "It was also US congressional hearings that led to the enactment of the Rico (Racketeering-Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) law."

Tiglao said the Senate hearings had demonstrated the strength of the country's institutions, including civil society and the media. He cited the military's emergency role in fighting organized crime and the role of the Church, as demonstrated by the Ateneo de Manila community, in giving refuge to Mawanay.

He said the Senate inquiry could also expose the flaws in the banking system that allowed the practice of money laundering.

Self-destruction

In Cebu City, Sen. John Osmeña said he would suggest to the Senate that a general counsel be appointed to screen all witnesses in the investigation of Lacson.

Osmeña said this would give senators a preview of what the witnesses would say and prevent the airing of allegations against government officials or private citizens without evidence.

He said the appointment of a general counsel was a practice in US legislative hearings. He said he would prefer that the Senate appoint a private lawyer, but conceded that a government lawyer could also do the job.

"The Senate is bent on self-destruction. It acts like a lemming. We cannot go on like this," Osmeña said in a phone interview on Sunday.

He said the Senate had become a forum "where all the people can ventilate all accusations, but when you ask them for evidence, (they provide nothing)."

He described the hearings on Lacson as "exactly a replay" of the blue ribbon committee hearings on the exposé of then Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis Singson against Estrada.

He said that there were "no rules of court, no cross-examination, no defense attorney," and that "witnesses just blabbered on and on."

Osmeña, however, said the Senate investigation of the claims of Corpus, Mawanay and Devnani against Lacson could no longer be stopped because "it has taken a life of its own."

"The Senate has no power to find anyone guilty or innocent. That is not our job. But after taking the bait set up by Corpus, we entered into an investigation," he said, adding:

"Now we cannot stop because the public will not understand. You can't put the genie back into the bottle anymore."

Osmeña also said he found Pimentel's proposal that the hearings be suspended "the most logical approach."

Earlier, Osmeña said the investigation of the allegations against Lacson would put the Senate to a test because of the "old-boy network" in the chamber.

Full-chamber caucus

Sen. Edgardo Angara wants a "full-chamber caucus" to allow the senators to make a final decision on what to do with the hearings.

He said the Senate had these options to choose from:

- Continue with the inquiry but conclude it this week.
- End the inquiry and turn over the submitted documents to the Office of the Ombudsman or the DOJ.
- Adopt Pimentel's proposal that the hearings be suspended until the evidence had been collected.

Angara said Senate President Franklin Drilon should call the caucus because "the Senate as a body should make a decision."

But Drilon pointed out that the allegations against Lacson had been referred to the three committees. Thus, he said, they should hear the issue.

Msgr. Hernando Coronel, media director of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, said the Church was closely monitoring the conduct of the inquiry and was waiting for witness Devnani's evidence against Lacson.

"Why should the Senate stop now? We believe that the quest for the truth should go on," Coronel said at the CBCP headquarters in Manila.

He went as far as to ask the three committees to help investigate the disappearance of public relations man Salvador Dacer last year and of casino employee Edgar Bentain in 1999. ***With a report from Norman Bordadora***

Top Lacson aide has alibi: It was my birthday

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Lacson yesterday said Aquino and another of his fugitive aides, Senior Superintendent Cesar Mancao, were in the United States around three weeks ago.

"The last time we talked by phone, maybe that was three weeks ago, they were in the United States, not in Canada," he said, referring to a phone conversation with Aquino. He was not more specific.

Lacson told reporters at the Manila Hotel that he had called Aquino on his cell phone "to ask how they were doing there. Nothing more."

The senator claimed that he did not know that the two had sneaked out of the country until it was reported in the papers.

While their flight could be interpreted as an admission of their guilt in crimes that they were being accused of, Lacson said, the public should respect the decision of the two former PAOCTF agents to leave the country.

Ex-agent Angelo "Ador" Mawanay yesterday released cartographic sketches of two associates who purportedly witnessed Aquino murder a "Chinese-looking" man in May.

Mawanay, who earlier could not identify the man whom Aquino had allegedly murdered, now believes that the victim is the missing Sy, based on the circumstances surrounding Sy's disappearance.

Laughing

Accompanied by his lawyer Argee Guevarra, Mawanay also furnished defense reporters in Camp Aguinaldo with the sketches of the late Ben Suarez, alias Mang Ben, 60-65 years old when he was allegedly killed "under questionable circumstances," and a 35 to 40-year-old policeman identified only by an alias, "S-2."

SKETCHES based on the descriptions of Ador Mawanay of alleged fellow PAOCTF agents who were runners of Sen. Lacson, according to Mawanay here shown with his lawyer Argee Guevarra. ERNIE U.SARMIENTO

Mawanay said Aquino was seated on Sy's left inside a white van when Aquino shot him at least twice.

"The two of them were even chatting animatedly and laughing when Michael Ray placed his right arm on Sy's shoulder and shot him at least twice with a pistol," Mawanay said.

"Michael Ray then moved forward in his seat and pulled Sy down (so that he lay behind Aquino's) back."

He claimed that Aquino shot Sy "like it was nothing" just as the Camp Crame-bound van, heading down Edsa, was crossing Quezon Boulevard.

"Michael Ray had blood splattered on his right side but he was cool all the time," Mawanay said.

He said that Mang Ben, S-2, and two other men who used the aliases Danao and Toyo were also in the van and witnessed the alleged shooting.

"Toyo, Danao and I were ordered to (alight) at a bus station before Cubao and told that they (PAOCTF) would get in touch with us later," Mawanay said.

Different versions

According to an earlier sworn statement executed by Sy's wife, Jenus, she and her husband were at a pizza parlor at Shoemart-North Edsa in the early afternoon of May 12, 2000 when Sy was fetched by a PAOCTF officer, identified in a Senate hearing last week as a certain Tanaga.

Ms Sy said the officer told them that Aquino, then chief of PAOCTF special projects, wanted to see Sy, president of footwear firm World Balance Philippines.

Sy's wife never saw him again.

Mawanay said that sometime in May, he and his companions were at the PAOCTF offices in Camp Crame when Aquino told them that they were going to pick up somebody at the SM-North Edsa mall.

Upon arriving at the mall, Aquino disembarked from the van and returned later with a Chinese-looking male, according to Mawanay.

Mang Ben, who was driving the van, was told to drive back to Camp Crame, he said. It was on the way there that Sy was shot, Mawanay claimed.

"I was surprised when Michael Ray shot the guy but because we agents are under instructions not to be meddlesome, I kept quiet," Mawanay said.

He said he did not know where the body was taken.

He believes the victim was Sy because he does not recall any other "mission" with Aquino at SM-North Edsa.

Mang Ben, according to Mawanay, was killed under questionable circumstances along with his wife and son on June 3.

S-2 is believed to be still alive and on the loose.

Danao, according to Mawanay, suffered the same fate as Mang Ben, while Toyo, also a policeman, is still alive.

The day before his disappearance, according to former PAOCTF agent Mary Ong, Sy supposedly talked to Kim Wong, a Chinese national being tagged as Lacson's associate in the illegal drug trade. Sy supposedly informed Wong that he had heard about an incoming shipment of shabu for Wong and Lacson.

Wong has denied having anything to do with Sy's disappearance, though he admits knowing the missing man.

Passport 'syndicate'

The police are investigating an alleged syndicate in the Department of Foreign Affairs that they suspect issued valid passports with fictitious names to Aquino and Mancao, according to Senior Supt. Reynaldo Berroya, Philippine National Police regional director for Central Luzon.

"Aquino and Mancao did not use fake passports in fleeing the country. They used valid and authentic passports issued by no less than the DFA," Berroya said.

"Their escape was facilitated by a syndicate operating in the DFA."

Berroya claimed that the alleged syndicate "falsified public documents" such as birth certificates and other documents required when one applies for a passport.

He said the investigation was launched after immigration commissioner Andrea Domingo reported that Aquino and Mancao managed to leave the country from the Subic International Airport on June 24 aboard a Philippine Airlines flight to Hong Kong.

Subic falls under the Berroya's jurisdiction.

From Hong Kong, Aquino and Mancao used passports with their real names to fly to the United States, officials have said.

Domingo cancelled the passports of Aquino and Mancao on Aug. 3.

Berroya said that Domingo's Bureau of Immigration and Deportation was cooperating in the probe, adding that he also expected the cooperation of the DFA in pinning down the members of the alleged syndicate.

Real drug lord Kim Wong a Taiwanese, says Chavez

By Donna S. Cueto

THE TRUE drug lord named Kim Wong is a 55-year-old Taiwanese businessman connected with a Cebuano businessman named Peter Lim, according to Frank Chavez, the lawyer of restaurant-owner Kim Wong, 39, who has been tagged as Sen. Panfilo Lacson's contact to a Chinese drug ring.

Chavez submitted a letter yesterday to the National Bureau of Investigation and the Philippine National Police requesting these agencies to coordinate with the Interpol to establish the identity of the Taiwanese Wong.

"The Interpol would have the files to establish the exact identity of this other Kim Wong who is a well-known member of the Chinese drug triad," said Chavez, a former solicitor general. According to Chavez, the Taiwanese Wong also has ties to a certain Peter Choi, a Japanese-speaking Hong Kong businessman who was deported for alleged illegal dealings.

The lawyer said that there are more than 20 people named Kim Wong in the country. Military intelligence chief Victor Corpus has accused his client, a donor to the campaigns of Lacson and other politicians, of drug trading.

Silliman beside the sea observes 100th year today

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"The alumni from Mindanao . . . virtually filled the whole ship and others are still coming," said university president Dr. Agustin Pulido.

Pulido was at the Dumaguete pier on Saturday morning to welcome his fellow alumni who took the six-hour Superferry 9 voyage from Cagayan de Oro.

Pulido also went to the airport twice that day to meet two flights from California.

Thousands of Sillimanians from Metro Manila and other parts of the country have also descended on Dumaguete City to take part in the celebration and relive the good old days.

For Aurora V. Herrada, a college student here in the 1950s, the reception she and the other alumni got made her exhausting trip worth it. She had to take an eight-hour trip by land from Kidapawan, North Cotabato, to the Cagayan de Oro pier and the six-hour sea voyage.

Aside from the Silliman officials, a marching band was at the Dumaguete pier to give them a warm reception.

"We were so impressed," Herrada said. "Never in my 72 years have I been welcomed by a band."

"We all felt that the troubles we went through just to get here were well worth it," she said.

Aside from playing at the pier, the band also performed twice at the airport.

Saxophonist Roy Edward Banogon said the band does not normally greet visitors at the airport and the pier, but then these are not ordinary days. It is Silliman University's 100th founding anniversary.

According to Herrada, their celebration started while they were still at sea. They started having a party after their boat had barely departed from Cagayan de Oro City.

"There was fellowship and dancing on board the ship for the Silliman alumni," said Herrada.

"The returning alumni are nostalgic and excited about coming home," said Jocelyn Somoza dela Cruz, director for alumni affairs.

"They are looking for people, their classmates, girlfriends, and it's just wonderful to see them finally meeting each other after 30, 40 or 50 years," she said.

Serenading the ladies

Crescencio Bendijo had spent a good number of years in Silliman. He completed his Bachelor of Science in Education in 1967 and stayed on and taught for eight years at the high school. In 1975 he left teaching and went into sales.

Today he is a senior executive vice president of the College Assurance Plan.

"My years in Silliman enhanced my love for music because music brought me so many friends," said Bendijo, a former rondalla teacher.

"We would serenade the ladies in their dorms," he reminisced.

The sweet music must have captivated the heart of one of those ladies, Esther Ada. She later became Bendijo's wife.

For others, coming home to Dumaguete was its own reward.

"There's still the magic of Dumaguete that is not found in any other place in the Philippines," said Leah Sibala-Laurel, Miss Silliman of 1979.

"Dumaguete keeps drawing people to its shores. The moment you visit Dumaguete, it casts its spell on you," she said.

The best site

It must have been the same spell that caught the attention of American Presbyterian missionaries led by Dr. David Sutherland Hibbard and his wife, Laura, who were searching for a site for a school in 1900.

Apparently awed by the beauty of the place and the friendliness of Dumagueteños, the missionaries decided it was the best place to start spreading their evangelical zeal through Christian education.

On Aug. 28, 1901, Silliman Institute, an elementary school for boys, was founded through a $10,000 gift from Horace Brinsmade Silliman, a Christian philanthropist from Cohoes, New York.

The school opened its doors to girls 11 years later.

It won full recognition as a university in 1938, the same year Dumaguete became a city.

Pulido said Silliman prides itself in molding its students into "well-rounded people" through its guiding principle "*Via, Veritas, et Vita* (The Way, The Truth and the Life)."

Impressive alumni

Countless Silliman alumni have made an impact in their respective fields in the Philippines and abroad.

One of them was the late President Carlos P. Garcia, the fourth Philippine president who hailed from the nearby Bohol island.

Several Sillimanians also served in the government. Among them are Finance Undersecretary Juanita Amatong, Commission on Human Rights chair Aurora Navarette-Reciña, former Environment Secretary Angel Alcala, and former National Treasurer Leonor Briones.

It counts several multi-awarded writers among its alumni, including National Artist for Literature Edith Tiempo and her late husband Edilberto Tiempo, Lakambini Sitoy, Cesar Aquino, Grace Monte de Ramos-Arcellana, Lina Sagaral-Reyes and Timothy Montes.

Silliman alumnus Arthur Lim, who was the former president of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, said his education in Silliman "inculcated in me not only strong Christian values but more importantly a character and determination to succeed whatever the odds."

Another alumnus, Negros Oriental Rep. Emilio Macias II, said Silliman has had a profound influence on the political life of the province. The present Negros Oriental governor, George Arnaiz, is also a Silliman alumnus.

"Silliman has contributed a lot to the formation of character that Dumaguete and Negros Oriental would otherwise not have had," he said.

"There are a lot of public officials who were educated here. The Silliman brand of education binds those that pass through its portals and it permeates into the character of Sillimanians," he said.

The Silliman spirit

The alumni pride themselves of sharing the so-called "Silliman spirit."

The "Silliman spirit," said Purita Cabales-Rabaya who graduated in 1958, was "hard to define because it runs so deep."

"Basically it's the feeling I get of being at home whenever I come back to visit. It's a feeling of belonging whenever I meet a fellow Sillimanian," she tried to explain.

"The Silliman spirit is beyond description," said Merlie Egpit-Avila, who graduated in 1980.

Avila said she felt right at home during the four years she spent here in the late '70s.

"While I had no parents here, I felt secure because I was adopted by foster parents. If I were to relive my student days, I wouldn't hesitate to choose Silliman University again," she said.

For Ricardo Baldido, president of the Veterans Bank, the best memories he had of his Silliman life were those he spent in the campus dormitory.

"It was like home away from home and it taught me self-discipline and strengthened my spiritual life," he said.

Daily Christian devotions are a must in the dormitories and all dorm interns are required to attend them.

'Bucolic, idyllic'

The wonders of Silliman have captivated not only its alumni. Many visitors, among them Manila-based writers attending the annual Silliman Writers Workshop, also fell in love with the place and its people.

"Bucolic and idyllic," is how writer Erwin Castillo describes Silliman.

A regular attendee of the workshop, Castillo said that although he was not a Sillimanian, he has learned to love the place especially during those years when the only mode of transportation was the *calesa* (a horse-drawn carriage).

Great writers Nick Joaquin and Franc Arcellana also used to attend the workshop.

Acknowledged as one of the country's best universities, at least six of Silliman's colleges were named by the Commission on Higher Education as Centers of Excellence and Centers of Development.

Its College of Nursing has produced board topnotchers and has had a 100-percent passing average.

Its engineering and accounting graduates were also consistently at the top of board exams.

The university's marine sanctuaries run by the marine biology department then under Dr. Angel Alcala became the catalyst of the country's marine life preservation.

As part of its centennial celebration, a city parade was held yesterday. An alumni dinner at the quadrangle today will highlight the day's festivity.

Young US team

NBA NOTES

Henry Liao

A YOUNG all-NBA selection with an average age of 22.9 years will represent USA Basketball in the Goodwill Games to be held in Brisbane, Australia from Sept. 3-9.

Members of the team to be mentored by Minnesota Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders are Orlando's Mike Miller (6-8, F-G), New Jersey's Kenyon Martin (6-8, F), Phoenix's Shawn Marion (6-7, F), Atlanta's Jason Terry (6-2, G), Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal (6-11, C-F), Seattle's Rashard Lewis (6-10, F), Charlotte's Baron Davis (6-3, G), Seattle's Calvin Booth (6-11, C-F), Cleveland's Andre Miller (6-2, G), Minnesota's Wally Szczerbiak (6-7, F), Chicago's Marcus Fizer (6-9, F) and Memphis' Shane Battier (6-8, F).

Assisting Saunders on the bench are Glenn "Doc" Rivers of the Orlando Magic, Tom Izzo of 2000 NCAA champion Michigan State and Oliver Purnell of Dayton University.

The US Goodwill Games squad is composed of NBA players who were either drafted in 1999 or 2000, or who are 22 years old or younger. This marks the first time USA Basketball is sending NBA players to the quadrennial Games.

Miller was named NBA Rookie of the Year during the 2000-01 season. He and Martin were members of the NBA All-Rookie First Team while Fizer, a late replacement for Golden State's 6-10 center Marc Jackson, who was forced to withdraw from the team due to serious health problems with a member of his family.

Battier, an incoming rookie with the Memphis (nee Vancouver) Grizzlies, was the consensus 2001 College Player of the Year while leading Duke to the NCAA title. He was picked sixth overall in last June's NBA draft.

EPIC BATTLE VS FURYK

Woods ends winless summer

AKRON, Ohio —In an epic battle that featured heroic shots and great escapes; Tiger Woods ended his winless summer with a birdie Sunday on the seventh playoff hole to defeat Jim Furyk in the NEC Invitational.

After they exchanged pars for six holes, hardly any of them conventional, Woods hit wedge into two feet (0.6 meters) on No. 18 to finally end the longest playoff on the PGA Tour in 10 years.

"It was a war today," said Woods, who started the final round two strokes behind. "Neither one of us gave an inch. It was fun to be a part of it."

It was a thrilling display of shots and saves over the final 13 holes, seven of them in the sudden-death playoff.

Furyk holed a bunker shot to save par on the first extra hole to extend the playoff. Woods escaped from the trees with a fortuitous ruling and a brilliantly played bump-and-run from about 50 yards (45.5 meters). Furyk had three chances to win with birdie putts from about 12 feet (3.6 meters).

With one last shot, a wedge that landed just past the cup and spun back to two feet (0.6 meters) away, Woods won for the first time since the Memorial in early June and ended talk about what's wrong with his game.

It was his fifth victory of the year and 29th in his career, tying Jack Nicklaus for the most PGA Tour victories before turning 30.

Woods won the NEC Invitational for the third straight year, making him the first player to take three straight tournaments at fabled Firestone Country Club, a course on which Nicklaus used to dominate.

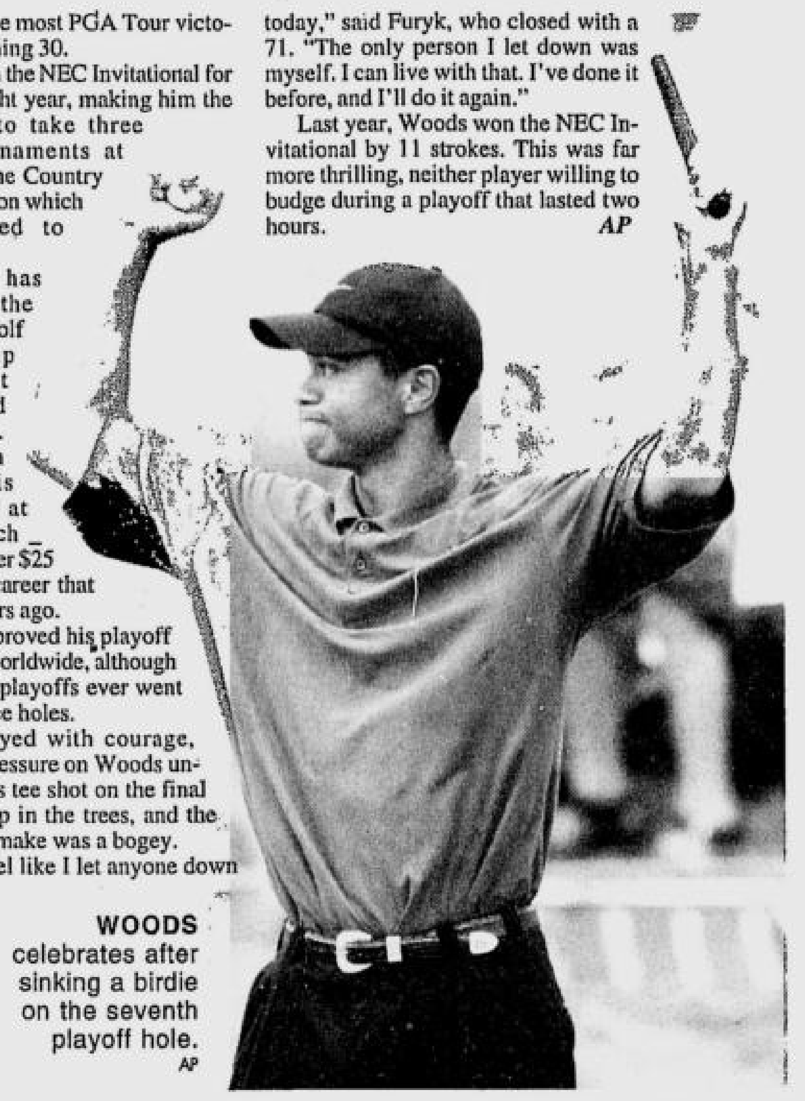
He now has won four of the eight World Golf Championship events that count toward official money. The $1 million payoff _ his sixth worth at least that much _ pushed him over $25 million for a career that began five years ago.

Woods improved his playoff record to 7-1 worldwide, although none of those playoffs ever went more than three holes.

Furyk played with courage, keeping the pressure on Woods until the end. His tee shot on the final hole wound up in the trees, and the best he could make was a bogey.

"I don't feel like I let anyone down today," said Furyk, who closed with a 71. "The only person I let down was myself. I can live with that. I've done it before, and I'll do it again."

Last year, Woods won the NEC Invitational by 11 strokes. This was far more thrilling, neither player willing to budge during a playoff that lasted two hours. *AP*



WOODS celebrates after sinking a birdie on the seventh playoff hole. AP

Donofrio tops King Classic

KUTZTOWN, Pennsylvania—Heather Daly-Donofrio scored her first career victory, shooting a 3-under-par 69 Sunday to win the LPGA's Betsy King Classic.

Daly-Donofrio, 31, in her fourth season on tour, had five birdies for a 15-under 273 at Berkleigh Country Club. Her previous best finish was 11th at the Rochester Open in June. She collected a winner's purse of $ 120,000 from the total prize money of $ 800,000.

After she nearly withdrew before her opening round Thursday due to severe lower back pain, Daly-Donofrio held off Mhiari McKay, who missed short putts on the final two holes that would have forced a playoff. Daly-Donofrio, a Yale graduate and former head coach there, parred the final two holes.

McKay, who was tied with Daly-Donofrio at 15 under through 14 holes, missed a 10-foot (3-meter) par putt on No. 15 and took only her fourth bogey of the tournament.

McKay, who began the day 12 under, missed a 4-footer on No. 17 and a 3-footer on the final hole and finished at 274.

Moira Dunn, who held the third-round lead at 14 under and was also seeking her first LPGA win, double-bogeyed the par-3 third. She then bogeyed No. 4 and double-bogeyed No. 9. But she also had birdies on Nos. 5, 7, and 8.

Mandaluyong 7-stag derby unfolds today

THIS year's stagfighting season at Mandaluyong Coliseum officially starts today as the RLB Annual 7-Stag Derby blasts off at 5 p.m.

More than 60 quality fights are on tap in the event sponsored by Sagupaan Super Feeds and Washout Shampoo.

Derby host Richard Bates, who holds the distinction of promoting the biggest crowd-drawing derby at Mandaluyong Coliseum, has invited big-time cockers and breeders from Cebu, Davao, Zamboanga, Iloilo, Negros Occidental, Cagayan de Oro, Baguio and Pangasinan.

Also included in the star-studded cast are prominent members of the United Cockers Association of the Philippines (UCAP) and National Cockers Association of the Philippines (NCA).

Meanwhile, an equally explosive "Ratratan 6-Stag Derby" hosted by veteran pitfighters Muroy Dolorico and Manzenares sizzles next week, Sept. 4 and 6.

Stags that are wingbanded by Pagba, Ucap, Migba, NGBA and GF-BAN are automatically accepted to join. Interested parties may contact Manseras at 951-5078 (farm) or 0917-453-1276 and Dolorico at 049-562-1551 or 0917-3947794.

SPORTSWATCH

Cook prevails by 1

RENO, Nevada —John Cook shot an 8-under-par 64 Sunday and took advantage of a late triple-bogey by leader Jerry Kelly to win the $ 3 million Reno-Tahoe Open for his first PGA Tour victory in three years. Cook started the day six strokes off the lead, but shot a birdie-eagle-birdie-birdie stretch as part of a 30 stroke score on the front nine at the Montreux Golf & Country Club near Lake Tahoe. His 17-under 271 total was one stroke better than Kelly, who had a one-stroke lead with three holes to go in search of his first tour win. *AP*

PUP faces Benilde

POLYTECHNIC University of the Philippines blanked Assumption College-B 3-0 to advance against women's division defending champions College of St. Benilde in the rain-interrupted 2001 Milo All-Students Tennis Championships over the weekend at the Rizal Memorial hardcourts. The Ateneo-B lasses dumped University of Sto. Tomas-B 3-0 to set up their own quarterfinal contest with De La Salle University-A, while the ADMU-A tangles with DLSU-B following victories over Assumption-A and St. Scholastica's College.

Haas tames Sampras

COMMACK, New York—Tommy Haas beat Pete Sampras 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 in the finals of the Hamlet Cup on Sunday, extending Sampras' winless streak to 16 tournaments. The sixth-seeded Haas, who finished with 15 aces, beat Sampras for the first time in five matches on hardcourt. He beat Sampras on clay in Dusseldorf in May 2000. Haas won 40 of 50 first-point serves as compared to 31 of 41 for Sampras. The victory was the second of the year and third in the career of the 23-year-old German, who earned $ 54,000. The third-seeded Sampras, a wild card into the tournament, picked up $ 31,500. *AP*

Taiwan batters up

SUBIC—Weather finally favored the first Pan-Pacific Junior baseball championship as Chinese Taipei bared its fangs with two straight victories yesterday at the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) baseball grounds here. Eager to strut their wares after monsoon rains halted games over the weekend, the Taiwanese started out blazing with a 5-0 thrashing of the Japanese early in the day before blasting the host Filipinos, 9-4, that clinched them the solo lead in this meet organized by Philippine Pony Baseball/Softball Association president Rodolfo "Boy" Tingzon Jr.

10 YEARS AGO

CECILLE Gaffud tallied 2855 pinfalls in 15 games to keep her chances alive for the Masters finals at the 12th FIQ World Championships in Singapore. Gaffud's earlier 597 pins in a three-game series boosted her bid in the event.

Unson booters register upset

LOS BAÑOS, Laguna—Pagsanjan's Unson National High booters scored a stunning reversal by beating Pedro Guevara Memorial National High, 7-5, Sunday at the start of the Laguna eliminations of the 18th Coke Go-for-Goal under-16 football tournament at the UPLB field here.

Harold Flores sparkled for Unson High by scoring five goals in the 20th, 36th, 40th, 67th and 70th minutes.

Philippine Football Federation president Rene Z. Adad graced the opening rites of the tourney sponsored by Coca-Cola with Adidas as official ball. The other guests were Los Banos Councilor Copie Alipon, Laguna Football Association president Edward Magallona and Coca-Cola Bottlers district supervisor Ricardo Briones Jr.

Sosa shines

CHICAGO—Sammy Sosa hit his 50th and 51st homers Sunday, joining Mark McGwire and Babe Ruth as the only players to reach 50 in four different seasons.

Sosa sent a 3-2 pitch from St. Louis right-hander Dustin Hermanson into the right-center field bleachers in the first inning for No. 50, setting off a loud ovation at Wrigley Field. The Chicago Cubs star emerged from the dugout for a curtain call and waved his helmet to the crowd.

Sosa added a solo shot off Hermanson in the fifth, a high drive that landed in the shrubbery in center field. Sosa has reached at least 50 homers in four straight seasons, just as McGwire did from 1996-1999. *AP*

BATAAN CHESS

Gov. Leonardo "Ding" Roman of Bataan (right) and GM Eugene Torre make the ceremonial moves of the 2001 National Inter-Provincial Chess Team Championship at the People's Center in Balanga City, Bataan. Looking on are Bataan PNP Director Col. Perfecto Palad (second from left), GM Joey Antonio, NCFP Executive Director Sammy Estimo, tournament director Willy Abalos and other officials of the province of Bataan.

BASEBALL RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
East				
New York	76	55	.580	—
Boston	71	58	.550	4
Toronto	64	67	.488	12
Baltimore	54	76	.415	21 1/2
Tampa Bay	47	84	.359	29
Central				
Cleveland	73	57	.562	—
Minnesota	69	62	.527	4 1/2
Chicago	65	64	.504	7 1/2
Detroit	53	76	.411	19 1/2
Kansas City	51	80	.389	22 1/2
West				
Seattle	94	37	.718	—
Oakland	75	56	.572	19
Anaheim	69	62	.527	25
Texas	58	73	443	36

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
East				
Atlanta	71	58	.550	—
Philadelphia	69	60	.535	2
Florida	61	68	.473	10
New York	61	69	.469	10 1/2
Montreal	55	75	.423	16 1/2
Central				
Houston	75	55	.577	—
Chicago	72	58	.554	3
St. Louis	70	60	.539	5
Milwaukee	57	72	.442	17 1/2
Cincinnati	53	77	.408	22
Pittsburgh	48	81	.372	26 1/2
West				
Arizona	75	54	.581	—
San Francisco	72	58	.554	3 1/2
Los Angeles	71	59	.546	4 1/2
San Diego	64	66	.496	11
Colorado	56	73	434	19

COMPLETE RESULTS

American League

Chicago White Sox 3, Tampa Bay 2; Toronto 5, Baltimore 1, Oakland 7, Detroit 6, Minnesota 7, Kansas City 2; Cleveland 4, Seattle 3, Anaheim 7, N.Y. Yankees 6, 10 innings, Texas 5, Boston 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Atlanta 8, Los Angeles 2, Houston 3, Pittsburgh 1; Cincinnati 17, Montreal 4; Arizona 4, Philadelphia 3, 10 innings; Colorado 3, Milwaukee 2; Chicago Cubs 6, St. Louis 1; San Diego 10, Florida 0, N.Y. Mets 6, San Francisco 5. *AP*

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ELIGIBILITY RULING

They want to gun down La Salle, says Jose

Bombers in Final 4

GAMES THURSDAY
(Rizal Memorial Coliseum)
12nn—CSB vs Mapua (jrs/srs)
3 p.m.—SBC vs UPHR (jrs/srs)

JOSE Rizal University clinched a Final Four berth after whipping host Philippine Christian University, 87-80, yesterday in NCAA basketball at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

With the victory, the Heavy Bombers kept their unbeaten slate at 9-0 while handing the Dolphins their seventh debacle in 10 games.

Playing catch-up with the Bombers right from the opening tip, the Dolphins knotted the count for the first time at 64 on Omar Asmad's rare four-point play with less than seven minutes to play.

But that was the closest the Dolphins could get as the Heavy Bombers plowed on with unheralded cagers Mark Tiu and McDonald Santos taking the lead roles.

The 6-foot-3 Santos completed a three-point play before Tiu snuffed the life out of the Dolphins with a triple in the last three minutes.

Those heads-up plays gave the Bombers a comfortable 75-68 spread, which the Mandaluyong-based dribblers protected until the final buzzer.

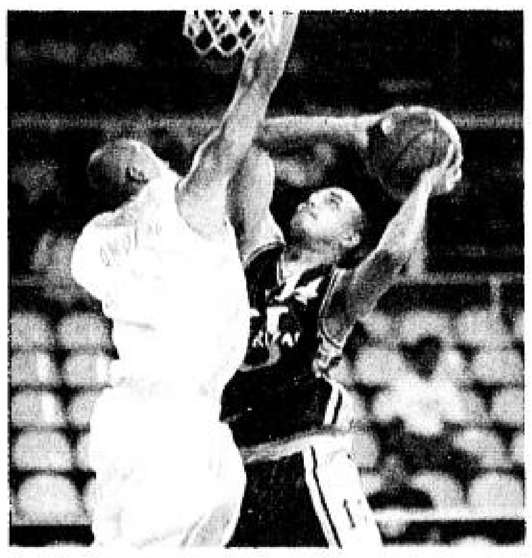
"They (Dolphins) gave us a tough fight and I'm proud of my players because they were able to withstand the pressure," said JRU coach Boy De Vera, whose wards are looking for the Bombers' first title since 1972.

Scores:

JRU 87—Epondulan 23, Capus 12, Finuller 11, Santos 9, Gregorio 6, Villarin 6, Valena 5, Te 5, Lazaro 4, Tiu 3, Dela Rea 2, Jorge 2, Fajardo 0, Espiritu 0.

PCU 80—Asmad 27, Franco 13, Omolon 9, Gaspi 7, Gatdula 6, Sanz 6, Soriano 5, Roque 5, Ilagan 4, Agahan 0.

Quarters: 19-17, 45-37, 63-59, 87-80



NANI Epondulan (right) of Jose Rizal University defies the defense put up by Philippine Christian University's Nelbert Omolon during their NCAA game yesterday. JRU won, 87-80. ROMY HOMILLADA

BY JUNE NAVARRO

"IT'S very obvious, they want to gun down La Salle. They can't beat us in the hardcourt so they're bringing it over to the board room."

Thus said UAAP board member Daniel Jose of De La Salle University in the aftermath of the board's recent ruling with respect to eligibility.

The UAAP board voted 6-1 last Friday, altering a provision in its by-laws stating that foreign athletes should have studied less than three years abroad to be able to play in the league without residency.

Instead, the board ruled that studying "two years abroad and a fraction thereof" already constitutes three years, raising a howl from the La Salle community.

"You can't just change the rules in the middle of the season. The UAAP constitution and by-laws can be amended only once a year," said Jose in a press conference at the Cafe Adriatico in Manila.

The UAAP board ruling was spurred by reports insinuating that La Salle could have transgressed eligibility rules when it allowed rookie-sensation Mark Cardona to play for the Archers.

Records submitted to the UAAP screening committee show that Cardona studied at Carson High in California for 2 years and three months.

"We will not do anything unjust that would compromise the school. Reports said the records of Cardona were all hand-written, these documents prove otherwise," said Jose as he showed the original copy of Cardona's transcript of records bearing the Carson High seal.

All entries were computer generated from Sept. 1996 to Sept 1998 except for the last three months that Cardona spent in Carson High.

Jose added nobody protested before the deadline for the filing of protests lapsed on Aug. 7.

In the event that the board decides against Cardona, the Green Archers will forfeit nine of their last 10 games where the 6-foot-1 swingman had seen action.

Jose, however, said the Cardona case is exempted from the decision since rules should not be applied retroactively as stipulated in the UAAP by-laws.

But if everything goes out of hand, lawyer Loy Ventura, La Salle's legal counsel, said they would have no choice but to file a case in court against the UAAP board.

"This is a non-issue. There are more important matters that the board must discuss like the ruckus during the FEU-La Salle game two weeks ago," said La Salle team manager Terry Capistrano.

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Graft raps vs 24 for Manor fire

By PHILIP C. TUBEZA

GRAFT charges will be filed today against 24 officials of the Quezon City government and Bureau of Fire Protection, including the head of the BFP Metro unit Senior Supt. Romeo Villafuerte, for alleged criminal negligence which resulted in the QC Manor Hotel fire that killed 74 people.

Besides Villafuerte, five other BFP officials, 12 Quezon City building officials, and five from the city's business permits and licensing office were included in the charge sheet prepared by the Central Police District and submitted to the Office of the Ombudsman.

Those who will be charged include Alfredo Macapugay, former chief city engineer; Donato Rivera, acting building official; Julius Villanueva, chief of the safety division; Romualdo Santos, assistant building official; Romeo Montallana, acting chief electrical engineer; and former engineering and building inspectors Gerardo Villasenor, Winston Angeles, Ernesto Madrillego, Luis Sol Jr., an engineer Dela Cruz, an engineer Cruz, and an engineer Nagidala of the mechanical division.

Also, in the rap sheet are former Quezon City fire marshal Ricardo Lemence, BFP fire inspection and prevention head Senior Insp. Reynaldo Simpao, Supt. Wenceslao Romero, Insp. Ricardo Romero, SFO4 Rodolfo Espina, and SFO1 Arnel Pimca;

Former BPLO chief Rafael Galvez, license inspectors Godfrey Colet, Jose Caluag, Voltaire Padilla and utility worker Willy Jerez.

According to the rap sheet, the 23 men will be charged with "reckless imprudence resulting in multiple homicide and serious physical injuries in relation to graft and corrupt practices involved in operations and licensing process anomalies."

Chief Insp. Rudy Jaraza, CPD Criminal Investigation Unit homicide section chief, said police yesterday morning also charged the incorporators of the Manor Hotel before the Quezon City prosecutors office for operating without a business permit.

CPD officials said the hotel had been violating safety regulations since 1992, but these local government and fire officials allegedly had allowed the hotel to operate.

For the past 11 years, the hotel would receive reprimands and notices from the officials, but the hotel management would allegedly get a temporary permit, "even when there was no inspection."

On Aug. 20, Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte sacked Galvez and Macapugay for allegedly issuing permits to Manor Hotel.

The next day, Belmonte relieved six more city hall employees—Colet, Calauag, Padilla, Jerez, of the Business Permits and Licensing Office, and engineers Montellana and Engineer Villasenor.

The BPLO is the bureau responsible for the issuance and renewals of business permits while the electric division is in charge of inspecting the electrical wiring of business establishments to ensure that they followed specifications and electrical safety measures.

Belmonte said he was surprised at how the operators of Manor Hotel were issued a business permit two months ago when it obviously committed several violations on fire safety.

On Aug. 21, The casualty count rose to 74 when Marcia Cathedral died at the V. Luna Medical Center.

Most of the victims of the Aug. 18 fire were local members of a Chris

The six-story budget hotel, said to be a converted office building, was found to have no sprinkler system, no fire alarms and inadequate fire exits.

Nun charged for wounding 11-year-old with eraser

By ALCUIN PAPA

A NUN teaching at a parish school in Las Piñas City was charged yesterday with physical injuries and violation of the Child Abuse Law for allegedly throwing an eraser at one of her students.

The charges were filed against Sister Teresita Yah, a Burmese and a religion teacher of the Mary Immaculate Parish Special School in Moonwalk Village, according to Senior Insp. Marlyn Samarita, chief of the Las Piñas City Police Women's and Children's Concerns Desk unit.

The family of Grade 5 student John Gilbert Datario, 11, of Block 6, Lot 24, Castillan Classic, BF Resort Village in Las Piñas City on Sunday filed the complaint against Yah.

Datario's uncle, Roland, said Yah, who was not fluent in English, was teaching her religion class about 11 a.m. when she told her students to read their assignment from their religion book.

Roland said that while his nephew was looking for his assignment, the boy turned to one of his classmates. The boy was startled when a blackboard eraser that Yah allegedly threw at him hit him in the face as he turned around.

Police said the whole class panicked when Datario started to bleed in the head. The boy also suffered a blackened left eye.

Datario's injuries apparently startled Yah who sent home the children at lunchtime since it was raining that day, police said.

At home, Datario's family found the boy strangely quiet, police said. Later, Datario was said to have lost consciousness.

Roland said his nephew appeared to have suffered a nervous breakdown so he took him to a doctor then later reported the incident involving Yah to police. Roland also

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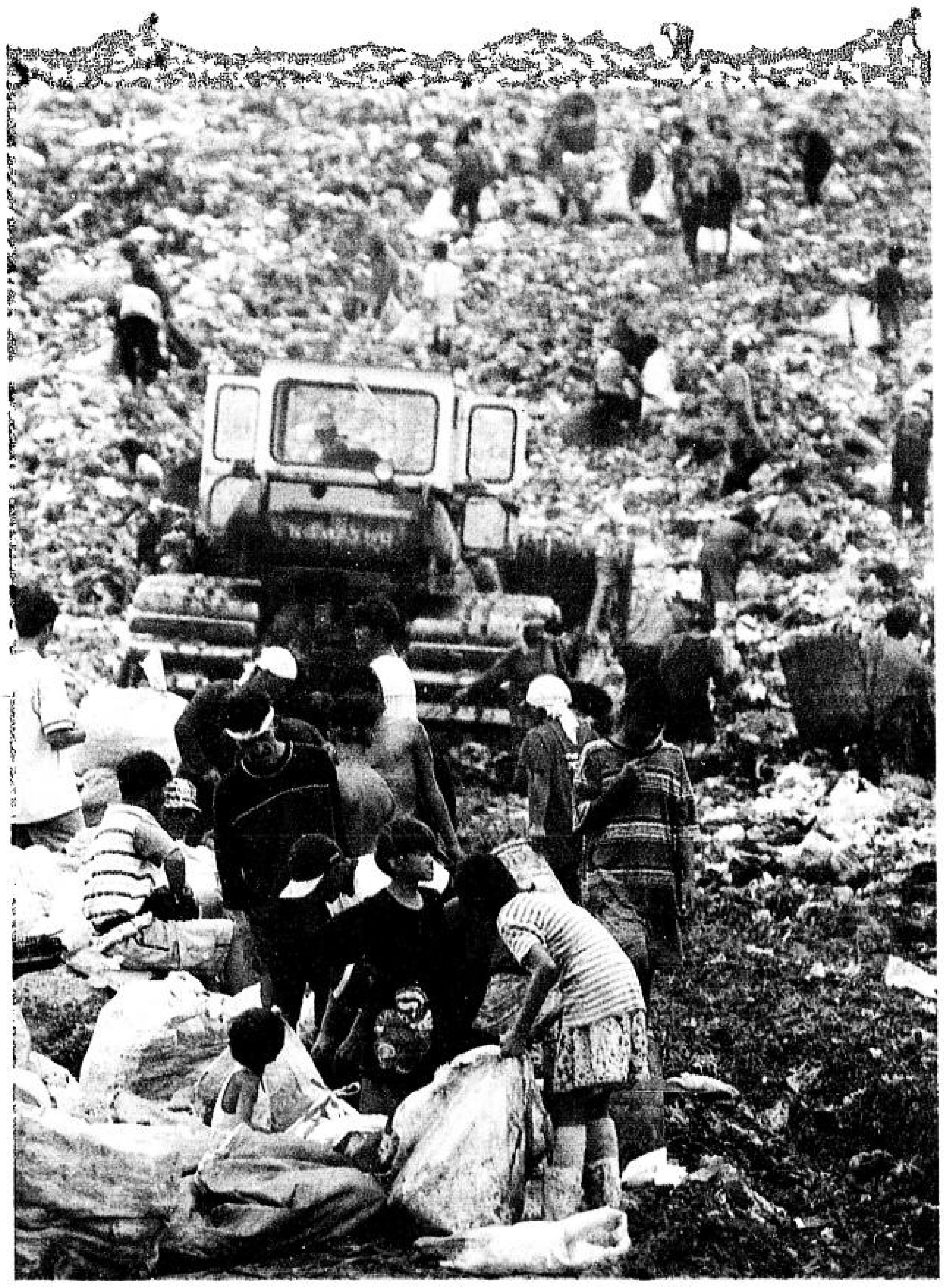

SMOKEY, PART 2

Scavengers swarm all over the growing mountain of garbage on Road 10 in Tondo, Manila as another trash crisis looms over the metropolis. The MMDA has blamed mayors for the uncollected trash in Metro Manila, and the mayors in turn say the MMDA is the "final problem solver." ERIK ARAZAS

MMDA threatens trash collectors with jail, fine

By ALCUIN PAPA AND NELSON F. FLORES

ABALOS

METRO Manila Development Authority Benjamin yesterday threatened garbage collectors with prison terms and fines if they fail to observe the law on solid waste management, which says trash should be segregated.

Abalos made the warning even as another garbage crisis looms over Metro Manila as mounds of trash have begun to pile up on the streets again.

Abalos ordered Metro Manila mayors to immediately remove the garbage that has collected on city streets in the past few weeks.

"Whether the garbage is segregated or unsegregated, they should immediately clean it up because, after all, it is their responsibility," Abalos said, blaming the local executives for the uncollected garbage.

He said prison terms of up to 30 days or fines from P1,000 to P3,000, or both, would be imposed on erring collectors.

But Pasay City Mayor Wenceslao "Peewee" Trinidad yesterday said that they were unable to collect garbage because the MMDA failed to provide the local governments with new landfills.

"The MMDA is the final problem solver here," Trinidad told reporters. "Our duty is just to collect the garbage."

Garbage has begun to pile up on busy parts of Pasay City like Roxas Boulevard, F.B. Harrison, Park Avenue—where Trinidad lives—and behind the Pasay City Hall itself.

Trinidad stressed he had been alerted to the growing piles of garbage on city streets but was informed that the Pasay garbage trucks were already filled up.

He said the city's landfills had been closed by residents living near them. Residents reportedly prevented garbage trucks from reaching the landfills.

But Trinidad said his local government had already found an alter-

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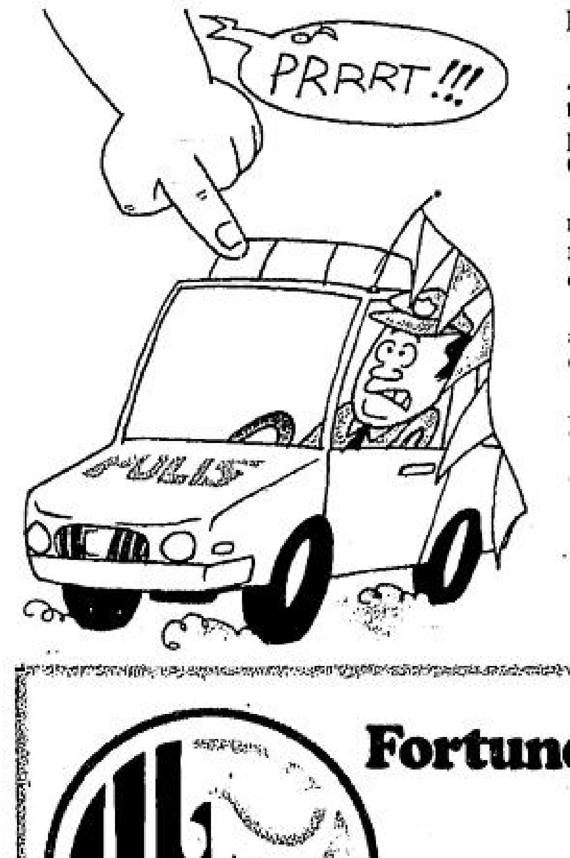

By AGNES DONATO

A POLICE precinct commander in San Juan was taken off his post yesterday for using a mobile patrol car to attend a fiesta in his hometown in Cavite.

Supt. Rodrigo de Gracia, San Juan police chief, relieved Insp. Danilo Garcia of his post as commander of the San Juan Police Community Precinct 2 on Hoover Street in Barangay Sta. Lucia.

Administrative charges would also be filed against Garcia if he failed to explain his action, De Gracia said.

As of presstime, Garcia had not returned the patrol car.

Chief Supt. George Aliño, director of the Eastern Police District, supported De Gracia's decision to sack Garcia.

"I have always given police chiefs the autonomy and prerogative to effect certain measures to discipline their subordinates," Aliño said in an interview.

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Retired teacher clubbed to death

By Christian V. Esguerra

A RETIRED schoolteacher was found dead on Sunday with her head bashed inside her house in Valenzuela City.

The body of Lourdes Tan, 56, was found sprawled on the stairway of her house in Barangay Mapulang Lupa, Valenzuela, police said.

Construction workers Danilo Sibu and Dino Dumailig discovered Tan's body when they went to her house about 8 a.m. Sunday for a repair job, investigation showed.

Sibu and Dumailig told police they proceeded to a nearby house for another repair job when Tan failed to open the door for them.

But on their way to the neighbor's house, Sibu peeped into a window of Tan's house and saw her body on the stairway. They reported it to police.

Police said Tan had been dead for 24 hours when her body was discovered.

Investigators found a bloodstained crow bar beside Tan's body, which could have been used to beat her to death.

Police are also looking into the possibility that Tan was not killed but died after falling accidentally on the stairs. They said there were no signs of forcible entry or robbery in Tan's house.

Nun charged

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presented to police a medical certificate of his nephew's injuries.

The next day, Roland went to the school to confront Yah, who was nowhere to be found. But he said a certain Mrs. Manguba, one of the school's administrators, was there to face him.

Instead of apologizing for what happened to his nephew, Roland said Manguba scolded him and challenged their family to file a case against them.

He said that Manguba told him their family should not bother filing a case against Yah since they would just call Las Piñas Rep. Cynthia Villar to pay off the family.

But Roland said the family has already filed charges against Yah before City Prosecutor Mario Mangobang.

He said they also plan to file administrative charges with the Department of Education, Culture and Sports.

"We are afraid the grades of the child will be affected because of the charges we have filed," Roland said.

He said the family hopes to get justice for what happened to the boy and also wants punishment for Yah.

"She should not be allowed to teach anymore because she hurts her students," he said. "And to think that she teaches religion. A naughty child is no excuse for any harm to come to him or her."

The Inquirer failed to contact any official from the school. Its listed telephone number went unanswered when the Inquirer called.

Anti-carnap officer faces dismissal for taking bribe

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE BELEAGUERED chief of the Central Police District's anti-carnap (Ancar) unit and his two men are facing summary dismissal proceedings for allegedly being caught accepting bribes right inside the CPD headquarters in Quezon City.

Chief Insp. Anthony Rodolfo, CPD district intelligence unit chief, said Chief Insp. Emmanuel Bautista, head of the anti-carnap unit, Insp. Manrio Pascual, Ancar's operations chief and PO3 Genaro Blasorca, Ancar desk officer, would be automatically dismissed after they have been charged and once the prosecutor's office has accepted the charges.

The three policemen and Bautista's alleged nephew, Manny Bautista, 29, were caught in an entrapment operation inside Camp Karingal in Sikatuna Village, Quezon City on Saturday night. They were charged the next day with robbery/extortion before the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office.

They were accused of taking P30,000 from Glenn Bihag, 33, a GLM Manpower liaison officer and resident of Malibay, Pasay City. Bihag was caught with a stolen Toyota XL (UCK-140), said SPO1 Danilo Tan of the CPD district intelligence unit.

Bihag told investigators he was looking for a car when his friend introduced him to a certain Joseph Canares. It was Canares who allegedly offered the Toyota to Bihag for P100,000.

But while Canares and Bihag were allegedly processing the car's papers at the Land Transportation Office in Quezon City, Ancar agents arrested Bihag for driving a stolen vehicle.

Bihag was taken to the Ancar office on the first floor of the CPD headquarters in Camp Karingal.

It was there that Blasorca allegedly told Bihag that he could pay P30,000 instead of paying the P300,000 fine for being caught in a hot car. Bihag claimed Pascual also "negotiated" for the price of his release.

But Bihag had only P6,000 with him, so he called up his wife and asked her for the additional P24,000. Unknown to the suspects, Bihag also called up and asked for help from a journalist.

The reporter, in turn, asked for assistance from Rodolfo, DPIU chief, and Supt. Pierre Bucsit, CPD intelligence and investigation division chief.

Tan said the entrapment operation was then set for 10 p.m. Saturday at the Ancar office.

He said Chief Insp. Bautista's alleged nephew received the money inside a toilet.

The younger Bautista still held the money while Chief Insp. Bautista was in his office when DPIU and DIID agents made the arrests, Tan said.

Pascual, Blasorca and the two Bautistas were later locked up at the DPIU detention cell, Tan added.

How judges or justices are bribed

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

COL. Victor Corpus is right: our courts cannot be trusted because some judges and justices can be bribed.

The Senate is the citizenry's only hope in exposing the crimes allegedly committed by Sen. Panfilo Lacson when he was still enforcing the law.

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The decision of the Court of Appeals barring the prosecution of criminal charges against Lacson for the Kuratong Baleleng multiple murder cases was so glaring it probably made many people puke when they read about it.

Was the timing of the decision a matter of coincidence or design? It came at a time when the Senate is hearing testimony against the controversial senator for alleged money laundering. The huge amount was allegedly the fruit of heinous crimes—kidnapping for ransom and drug trafficking.

With the huge amount Lacson reportedly has in the banks in Hong Kong, Canada and the United States, he could bribe judges to do his bidding even if, in the process, they would look like clowns or devils.

As a nation, *may pag-asa pa kaya tayo* ? As a poet says, hope springs eternal.

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I asked some of my lawyer-friends how an accused would go about procuring a favorable decision from the appellate courts after being found guilty by the lower courts.

Assuming I were a crooked lawyer, how would I go about convincing the justices of the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court reviewing my client's case to acquit him?

Here are some amusing scenarios—with much ring of truth to them— that my lawyer-friends gave me if I were that crooked lawyer:

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The Attorney Areglo System for the Court of Appeals. I would see the *ponente* or justice assigned to write the decision either in his chambers or wherever agreed upon, whenever possible. I would start with my best argument, after which I would open my large attaché case stuffed with money. I would show it to the justice and say: *"Tama na ho ba ito* (Will this be enough), Your Honor?"

Alternatively, I would employ the Retired Justice Areglo System. This is in vogue today. This system consists of enlisting the services of any retired member of the CA or SC who is totally corrupt. This retired CA or SC justice would talk to his former peers. "Mga pare, *malaking* attorney's fees *naman ito* (This goes with a big attorney's fees)." More often than not, a large downpayment would have to be made with the balance due upon delivery of a promulgated decision. *Kaliwaan*, as they would say in Tagalog.

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The lawyers told me that at the Supreme Court, however, there needs to be a change of tactics. I would most certainly go for the Retired Justice Areglo System. This is considered to be the safer way of doing "business" with high court justices than the Attorney Areglo System. Corrupt justices only talk to their peers.

I might also employ the Designated Abogago System. This consists of looking for a former associate or any known go-between of the *ponente*. Through that former partner or go-between, I would make my offer. Large attorney's fees would have to be entrusted to the Designated Abogago who would then make the pay-off in any clandestine way possible.

In very difficult cases, I might try the Secret Abogago System. Difficult cases are those like Erap's or the Ping Lacson case if it even goes to the Supreme Court. In the event there exists any justice who might be engaged in the business, I would hire him or her as my client's personal agent in the high court. The Secret Abogago would be responsible for making and enforcing all of the arrangements. The pay-off would be made in Hong Kong or elsewhere.

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Corruption of Court of Appeals or Supreme Court justices is possible as far as the law and the facts are concerned because they are easy enough to manipulate, according to my lawyer-friends, some of whom know the inner workings in the two courts.

"Everyone knows that the Rules of Court consist of technical matters," one of them said.

"Therefore," this lawyer said, " their (Rules of Court) interpretation can be varied from case to case and from time to time without much difficulty."

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He added, "As to the proven facts at trial, they don't matter at all! The Supreme Court regularly makes reference to facts in its decisions that don't appear on the *expediente* or court record."

One recently retired high court justice, who was featured in this space last year, even went so far as to confirm a decision from the Court of Appeals that had never been written, according to another lawyer-friend.

Now, considering all the foregoing, as the justices invariably say before giving their decision, I now ask: Will the Erap and Ping Lacson cases ever get to the highest courts; and if they get there, how will they fare?

Now, dear readers, you be the judge!

* * *

This is not in defense of embattled Kim Wong, who happens to be my friend. Wong, according to military intelligence chief Corpus, is a drug lord.

I won't say whether Corpus is right or wrong. Perhaps he has dossiers on Wong.

***Nakakahinayang si* Kim Wong because I know him to be a decent man. My friendship with him goes a long way back. He was a gangling 17-year-old when I met him in 1983 at Impierno Disco which was a hangout of police reporters. Kim was still a sidekick of the disco owner, Pio Tiu.**

I lost track of Kim after I stopped going to that disco. I saw him again in 1992 when he was already a manufacturer of T-shirts. Then, because of hard work and his connections, so he claims, he made it big in business.

I can hardly believe Kim Wong would engage in the traffic of drugs. But then again, I also believe in Vic Corpus' sincerity.

There lies my dilemma.

3 policemen accused of beating up 2 civilians

By Philip C. Tubeza

THREE Central Police District (CPD) rookie policemen have been accused of beating up and then robbing two civilians in Quezon City.

The suspects also allegedly detained illegally the two men for five hours until the men's relatives were able to secure their release.

PO2 Alejandro Diaz, PO1 Antonio Chan, and PO1 Marlon Olira, all of the Fairview police station, face charges of robbery, physical injuries, and illegal detention for what they did to Charito Zambrano, 28, and Pol V. Legazpi, both of Maligaya Park, Quirino Highway, Quezon City, said investigator SPO3 Resty de Leon.

De Leon said the two men were waiting for a ride home along Commonwealth Extension when the three policemen, on board a jeep, suddenly stopped in front of them around 11 p.m. Sunday.

With their firearms drawn, the three introduced themselves as policemen and ordered the two men to get into the jeep (PMF-834).

The two men said they did not resist because the policemen pointed their guns at them.

The policemen brought the two men to a police outpost in Phase 8, North Fairview.

There, the policemen allegedly body-searched the victims and then beat up the two helpless men with their handguns.

Not contented with the beating, the policemen handcuffed the two men to the outpost and left them there until around 4 a.m. yesterday.

The victims were released only after Zambrano's wife arrived and was able to secure their freedom.

But the victims claimed the three policemen still beat them up before releasing them.

Mercury Drug branch loses P500,000 in 5 minutes

By Philip C. Tubeza

FIVE minutes was all it took for nine armed men to rob a Mercury Drug store branch and two customers of nearly P500,000 worth of cash and valuables in Quezon City late Sunday night.

Elizabeth Costams, 29, supervisor of the Mercury Drug branch near the corner of Mayon and Roxas streets in Barangay Sta. Teresita, told police that the robbers took P390,000 cash from the drug store's cashier, according to investigator PO1 Renato Hamor of the Central Police District-Criminal Investigation Unit.

Police said the robbers also took the shotgun of security guard Eric Navarrete, P19,500 worth of cash and valuable from housewife Cynthia Pascon-Maranan, and P22,600 worth of cash and jewelry from Rodolfo So.

Police said the robbers, who entered the drug store pretending to be customers, struck at 10:20 p.m. Sunday. They pulled out their guns, announced the holdup and disarmed security guard Navarrate, police said.

Some of the suspects, police said, pointed their guns at the two customers and robbed them of their jewelry, cash, and cellular phones. The other robbers went to the cashier and took the drugstore's earnings for the day, police said.

The robbery happened so fast that the suspects were able to board an Isuzu Trooper (WRV-110) and drive away in just two minutes, police said.

Responding policemen were not able to catch up with the culprits.

Navarette claimed he was able to fire several shots at the escaping robbers using another service firearm.

A Scene of the Crime Operations (Soco) team conducted a technical investigation in the drugstore while other investigators tried to get the description of the robbers from the victims and other witnesses.

SJ precinct

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Insp. Dennis Macalintal will replace Garcia.

Initial investigation showed that Garcia left his precinct on Sunday on board a police car to attend a celebration in his Cavite hometown.

He has not returned the vehicle since.

De Gracia pointed out that under the Philippine National Police law, no policeman, regardless of rank, is allowed to use a police car for personal or unofficial purposes.

He stressed that the police car should be on standby at the police precinct, ready for use in case of a call for help or emergency.

Garcia was temporarily assigned to the San Juan operations division.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Tuesday, August 28, 2001
21st Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: **1 Thes 2:1-8**
Gospel: **Mt 23:23-26**

Jesus said, "Woe to you, teachers of the Law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You do not forget the mint, anise and cummin seeds when you pay the tenth of everything, but then you forget what is most fundamental in the Law: justice, mercy and faith. These you must practice, without neglecting the others. Blind guides! You strain out a mosquito, but swallow a camel.

Woe to you, teachers of the Law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You fill the plate and the cup with theft and violence, and then pronounce a blessing over them. Blind Pharisee! Purify the inside first, then the outside too will be purified."

Commentary:

In today's reading Jesus exposes a serious misinterpretation of the law on the part of the Pharisees. They neglected the fundamental dynamics of the law and interpreted it according to their own convenience. In doing so they blindfolded themselves and became unreliable guides for others. Jesus exposes this attitude as extremely damaging, since the wellbeing of the People of God was entrusted to them. Within this context Jesus points out that the practice of justice, mercy, and faith stand at the very core of the correct interpretation of the law. It is noteworthy, however, that Jesus does not reject the leaders, but rather calls them in strong terms to conversion.

Father, the well-being of the community depends on good leadership. We ask you to give us good leaders, people of faith, who practice what they teach.

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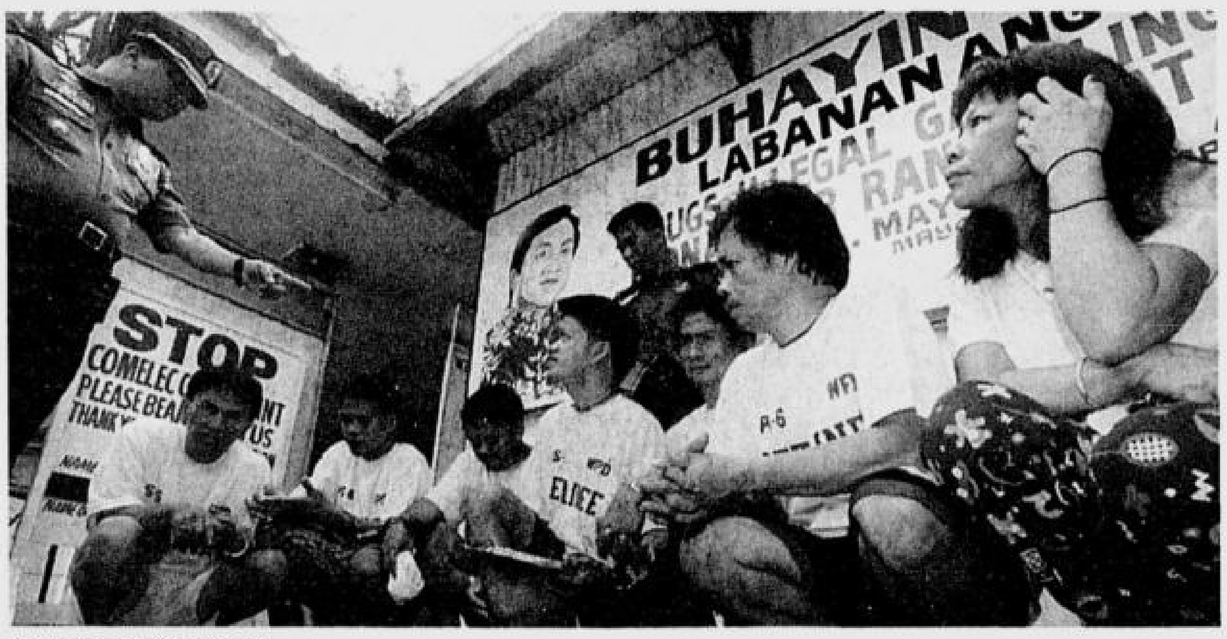

'PUSHERS' FALL
Officials of the Western Police District Station 6 arrested these seven, including a woman, for alleged drug pushing and for taking part in a pot session in Sta. Ana, Manila. ERIK ARAZAS

Worker shot by guard in Valenzuela

A SECURITY guard on Sunday shot and critically wounded a worker who failed to inform him that he would go outside their office in Valenzuela City.

Guard Cristuto Matu-od, of Professional Security Services, shot Jun Hernandez, 25, inside the compound of the Valenzuela Packaging Corp. on A. Mariano Street in Barangay Bagbaguin, police said. The victim is still undergoing treatment for a gunshot wound in the chest, police said.

Matu-od reportedly was enraged when Hernandez left the compound about 5 p.m. Sunday to buy something outside. When the worker returned, the guard berated him for not informing him that he would leave, police said.

At the height of their argument, Matu-od drew his gun and fired thrice, hitting Hernandez once.

Police are looking for Matu-od.

Christian V. Esguerra

MMDA threatens . . .

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native dumpsite and that the problem in the city would be solved "in a few more days."

Piles of garbage have also appeared in other parts of Metro Manila like C-5 Road in Taguig and Barangay Guadalupe Nuevo in Makati City, a stone's throw away from the MMDA office.

In Makati City, Mayor Jejomar Binay chided Abalos for not having the political will to solve the crisis, choosing instead to avoid a confrontation with the local government of San Mateo, Rizal.

"It has been a good seven months that Metro Manila has had nowhere to dispose of its garbage," Binay said in a letter to Abalos. "If not San Mateo, where? We can still use that landfill for three to five years more."

Abalos said solid waste contractors, in coordination with local officials, should start segregating their garbage and dispose of them in composting plants in Las Piñas and Pasig.

"Let us not talk of dumpsites," Abalos said. "The law (RA No. 9008 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act) does not talk about dumpsites. It talks about segregation."

Abalos said that although the landfill in Pintong Bucaue, San Mateo, Rizal remains the property of the MMDA, it is impossible to reopen the site.

"No amount of order or political will can reopen the landfill unless you are willing to go to jail," he said.

He also called on the mayors to follow the law.

"I'm appealing to all the mayors to follow the provisions of the law. I know we can't change the bad habit of households overnight, but this is what the law mandates. The mission of the MMDA is to enforce the provision of the law."

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Sharon holds one-night concert

SHARON Cuneta returns to live performing with "One Night Only," a special mini-concert that will be held at 8:30 tonight at the Onstage in Greenbelt, Makati.

The show is Sharon's first after nearly four years of being away from the concert stage. It is her special gift for her many followers who have remained loyal to her during her more than twenty years in the business.

Sharon's concert is in line with the promo of her latest CD, "Nothing I Want More," for the MegaMusic label. The album is a collection of hit tunes from the '80s, most of which are Sharon's personal favorites. It comes after her triple platinum seller, "When I Love."

The title track of "Nothing I Want More" is also the first single released from the album. The song is composed by Tillie Moreno and Jun Latonio, and was the grand prize winner of the Metro Manila Popular Music Festival in 1981. It later became the Philippine entry to the International Song Festival held in Seoul, Korea, that same year.

The song is considered a summation of Sharon's success as wife and mother and as an entertainment figure. She has a loving husband in Sen. Francis Pangilinan, two beautiful daughters in Kristina and Frankie and an enviable stature as a singer, actress and TV host.

Recently released was the second single from the album, "It's Only Love," a song written and popularized by Junior, the Spanish singing idol who conquered the Philippines with his love songs and stunning good looks during the early '80s.

"Nothing I Want More" is produced by Eugene Villaluz and arranged entirely by Homer Flores.

Other tracks include a medley of two Barry Manilow classics—"Even Now" and "Somewhere Down the Road;" "He's Out of My Life," popularized by Michael Jackson; "Careless Whisper" by Wham; "Lift Up Your Hands" by Basil Valdez; "Please Don't Ask Me" by John Farnham; "Smile Again" by the Manhattan Transfer; "The Promise" by Debby Boone; "Overjoyed" by Stevie Wonder; "Don't Forget Me" by Toni Tenille; and "Maybe" by Roberta Flack.

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Promising films on the Disney channel

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

THIS September, watch out for these promising movies set to be shown on the Disney channel:

Sept. 1 at 11 p.m., "Pinocchio." Walt Disney's brilliant, timeless animated feature, based on Collodi's story about an inquisitive, tale-spinning wooden puppet who wants more than anything else to become a real boy.

The film is technologically dazzling, emotionally rich, with unforgettable characters and some of the scariest scenes ever put in an animated film (Lampwick's transformation into a jackass, the chase with Monstro the Whale).

It's a joy to watch, no matter how many times you see it. Songs are the icing on the cake, including the Oscar-winning "When You Wish Upon A Star."

Incredibly, this cartoon feature was made in 1940—over 60 years ago!—and yet, it still feels fresh and vital. This is a testament to producer Walt Disney and directors **Ben Sharpsteen** and **Hamilton Luske**'s exceptional storytelling skills.

(Replays are on Sept. 29 at 8 p.m. and 3 a.m.)

Sept. 2 at 1 p.m., "Honey, I Blew Up the Kid." In this hilarious sequel to "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids," wacky inventor Dr. Wayne Szalinski (**Rick Moranis**) sets up another size-altering experiment, and accidentally makes his two-year-old son skyrocket to 112 feet tall!

The giant boy leaves home and heads for the bright lights of Las Vegas, amazing the people who see him along the way. Replays are on Sept. 17 at 8 p.m. and 3 a.m.

Sept. 5 at 11 p.m., "The Loretta Claiborne Story." This inspiring drama stars Emmy Award-winning actress **Camryn Manheim** as a social worker who helps a mentally and physically disabled woman triumph over her handicap.

The drama is on the life of champion athlete Loretta (**Kimberly Elise**) who, unable to walk or talk until the age of four, learns to outrun all the other kids in her neighborhood.

Janet McFarland introduces Loretta to the Special Olympics, where she breaks some records.

Sept. 8 at 12 noon, "Michelle Kwan Skates to Disney's Greatest Hits." Ice-skating superstar Michelle interprets a number of Disney movies' classic songs in this special.

Sept. 9 at 12 noon, "Disney's Oscar Winners." An entertaining and informative look at Disney's roster of Academy Award winners.

At 8 p.m., "Alice in Wonderland." Memorable rendering of Lewis Carroll's classic, with the Walt Disney animation team at its best, bringing the Cheshire Cat, the Queen of Hearts and the Mad Hatter to life.

The film is given a major boost by the vocal performances of **Kathryn Beaumont**, **Ed Wynn**, **Richard Haydn**, **Sterling Holloway** and **Jerry Colonna**. Its most outstanding musical number is "The Unbirthday Song."

This classic Disney movie was made in 1951. Replay is at 11 p.m. on Sept. 22.

At 11 p.m., "Lifestyles of the Rich and Animated." Have you ever wondered about the "other" life of your favorite Disney animated characters? This production offers an entertaining look at how they "live," off-camera.

'The Green Mile' on Cinemax

SEPT. 9 at 9 p.m., the Cinemax movie channel is screening "The Green Mile," with **Tom Hanks** playing the head guard on Death Row and **Michael Clark Duncan** as a much-feared inmate.

The film tells the remarkable story of how the guard develops a close relationship with the inmate, who possesses a special gift that is both mysterious and miraculous.

Replays are on Sept. 15 at 10:45 p.m., Sept. 21 at 10:15 p.m., Sept. 27 at 11 p.m., and Sept. 30 at 1 p.m.

New sitcom for Maricel

THE ABS-CBN sitcom, "Kaya ni Mister, Kaya ni Misis," starring **Maricel Soriano** and **Cesar Montano** is on its way out, but Maricel's fans needn't fret because she has a replacement which will start telecasting in September.

As for Cesar, it doesn't look like he's in as much of a hurry to get a new show on TV. He's busy wrapping up work on his "Mindanao" film for **Marilou Diaz-Abaya**, his most important movie by far this year.

When tragedy strikes, even celebrities are not spared

DOLLYWOOD

Dolly Anne Carvajal

THE TRAGEDY that hit the Quezon City Manor Hotel has affected everybody. When tragedy strikes we tend to question God, but take heart because He always has better plans for us.

Sometimes the worst things can actually be the best things in the long run. As a Born Again Christian myself, I know in my heart that God took my fellow Born Again brothers and sisters who died in the fire to be with Him already so they would be spared from going astray.

I don't mean to sermonize or to sound preachy, but all it takes is a leap of faith.

Even celebrities who seem to be having a charmed life are not exempt from tragedies.

Diether Ocampo: I was driving my motorcycle. The car in front of me suddenly stopped and I had no choice but to go the opposite lane which almost caused a massive vehicular accident. Fortunately, I was wearing a helmet.

Everyone stepped out of the car and I waved to apologize and left.

Lorna Tolentino: It happened in Cebu while we were on a speedboat on the way to an island to go sunbathing.

For a split second, a big wave almost swallowed the entire boat. Before we knew it, we were all thrown into different parts of the boat not knowing what happened. We went back home immediately and we were all in a state of shock. We all prayed hard and thanked the Lord for saving us and we promised not to do it again. That was really traumatic.

Charlene Gonzales-Muhlach: The worst tragedy that happened to me was when my whole house burned down last year and I lost all my things but thank God none of my family died.

Monsour del Rosario: I broke my back in a Hong kong kung fu movie. I was physically disabled for a year and I thought I was going to be on a wheelchair for the rest of my life. I wanted to die! I'm too hyperactive a person to be in a wheelchair forever. I followed my doctor's advice on how to get well and I heard Mass everyday. I prayed to God to give me strength to cope with my ordeal. In time I was able to regain the adrenaline rush for sports. And now God has blessed me more. I was able to put up my own gym and taekwondo school to help injured people get back on track.

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'Powerhits' listening stations feature latest MTV hits

WINSTON, the Spirit of the USA, brings today's hottest music closer to all music lovers as it launches the "Winston Powerhits" listening stations at all Odyssey Record Stores.

Winston and Odyssey have put up a specially designed "Powerhits" rack in each record branch, where customers can now listen to recent "Powerhits" MTV lineup.

Along with that, Winston will also have CD displays of recent and current CDs of "Powerhits" artists.

Winston will constantly update the rack with the latest hits.

For its "Powerhits," Winston forged a tie-up with leading record companies like Sony, Warner, BMG Records and MCA Universal to feature the hottest artists on "Powerhits Music Videos" on TV.

A compilation of "Powerhits" MTVs that were featured on TV and current songs that top the music charts make up the MTV compilation. They are being aired in bars, leading night spots and popular record stores in town.

Winston also gets into regular sponsorships of musical shows like "By Request" on ABC 5 and other musical specials.

WINSTON and Odyssey launch the "Winston Powerhits" listening stations at all Odyssey record stores. In photo during the launch at Robinson's Galleria are (from left) Emily Boaquina, marketing manager of Odyssey Records; Joy Santeco, assistant marketing manager of Odyssey Records; and Dick Sucgang, marketing manager, JT International Philippines.

Director makes his 'mark' against censorship

LOS ANGELES—The powerful organization that rates movies in the United States tries to protect moviegoers from too much sex and violence—but independent director Todd Solondz says the stodgy body is a threat to good filmmaking.

Solondz was asked by the Motion Picture Association of America to alter his new film, "Storytelling," so it could receive an "R" rating (meaning those under 17 can enter with an adult).

The MPAA objected to a graphic scene showing a college professor (Robert Wisdom) having sex with a student (Selma Blair).

Instead, to meet his contractual agreement to secure the "R," he superimposed a large red box on the scene he says MPAA censors deemed "pornographic."

"I didn't want to be a victim of censorship," Solondz told IndieWire.com, an Internet news service covering the world of independent film. "I'd rather take it by the cojones (balls) and say this is what it is."

He said he refused to use digital technology to subtly blur or obscure the offending images, as the late Stanley Kubrick did in the famous orgy scene of "Eyes Wide Shut."

"The one thing I didn't want was what happened to Kubrick's 'Eyes Wide Shut,' where everything was so elegantly removed digitally, so the audience never knew what it never saw," Solondz said.

"I want the audience to know what it's not allowed to see."

The debate is an old one in Hollywood, pitting the artistic demands of directors against studio accountants and guardians of morality in Washington.

The MPAA said if the scene wasn't altered, it would give the film an "NC-17" rating, a box office kiss of death for a studio since absolutely no one under the age of 17 could enter.

That would cut out the lucrative teen audience, who can make a difference between a film making a profit or losing money.

Solondz is no stranger to ratings controversies.

In 1998 his acclaimed film "Happiness"—which dealt with pedophilia—was dropped by its distributor under pressure from its parent companies Seagram's and Universal.

An unaltered version of "Storytelling" was shown at the Cannes Film Festival in May. *AFP*

'KOOL KA LANG' IN GUAM

The cast of GMA 7's sitcom, "Kool Ka Lang," takes their comic antics to Guam, in the second part of the two-part episode, "Garapalan sa Guam," to be aired at 8:30 tonight. The entire gang ended up in Guam, courtesy of Long's wealthy pen pal who thought that Long looked like Jack (Raymart Santiago), because it was his picture that Long sent to her. Now, what does the crazy gang of "Kool Ka Lang" do in the US territor? The sitcom also stars Joey Marquez, Benjie Paras, Gloria Diaz, Dennis Padilla and LJ Moreno.

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Bad acting in real-life situations

BY POCH CONCEPCION

BAD acting, as in bad movies, is a hard habit to break. It's like a virus that is not always easy to get rid of. Worse, it corrupts the actions of people in real-life situations.

Francis M, for example.

Otherwise known as an upright citizen and a model family man, the popular TV host and rap artist has practically vanished from the entertainment scene, thanks to the fallout from his recent brush with the law.

The circumstances that led to his temporary detention in a city jail bear the marks of a badly written storyline. It had him acting out the part of a petty criminal caught lying through his teeth.

According to news reports, Francis M was at the wheel of his black Honda Civic with another guy in the passenger's seat when cops on routine patrol spotted them on a dark street in an upper class neighborhood in Quezon City.

The next moment, Francis was said to have stepped on the gas, further arousing the suspicion of the policemen who naturally chased after him.

At this point, the unfolding scenario started to resemble a typical cops-and-robbers chase, with the cops shooting one of the tires of Francis's speeding Honda in an effort to prevent escape.

After the smoke cleared, Francis and companion were booked for possession of marijuana. Which Francis—and this is where the bad acting becomes obvious—denied. And then he pointed to his companion, who was not from show biz, as the culprit.

In succeeding reports, Francis went on to accuse the cops of framing him up with planted evidence.

If this were a film, the audience would probably think it was a comedy. A slapstick comedy in which the lead actor implicated himself with his stupidity?

Why did Francis allow such a scene to get out of hand, assuming that he never had in the first place the prohibited stuff that the cops said they found in his car? Was he then in such a panicky state as to have lost enough presence of mind to tell his friend to flick away, or even swallow, the damning evidence? Now that would have been a really funny scene.

The more important issue is, why did he run away? The joke is that either Francis was actually on speed (so he sped away, see?), or he had been watching too many lousy action movies lately.

Another real-life victim of bad movie acting is Philippine National Police chief Leandro Mendoza. More recently Mendoza was in the papers protesting the way cops had been portrayed in the sexy movie trilogy "Red Diaries."

Mendoza was referring to the third episode of the trilogy about Lucila (Assunta de Rossi), a former housemaid who is impregnated by and becomes the wife of Anton (Carlos Morales), a policeman involved in drug deals.

The actions that most likely incurred Mendoza's ire—granting that he actually watched "Red Diaries"—could be seen in two crucial scenes.

First, the drinking spree that Anton hosts for his PNP buddies. In this scene, the director (Maryo J. de los Reyes) probably wanted to show how drunkenness turns plain rogues into complete assholes. As Lucila comes over to serve the group a tray of beer, one of the uniformed cops touches her lasciviously.

Second, the gang rape of Lucila that Anton personally supervises for his wayward *kampadres*. The implication here is that Anton has become so stark raving mad—after his wife snitched on his group's last drug deal—that he has no other option but to have her ravaged by other men.

But more disturbing is when the camera catches one cop overacting—his face contorting and his eyes bulging while guzzling beer. Either he has had too much shabu (and couldn't get sexually excited), or he is, quite simply, a bad actor playing a bad cop in a very lousy manner.

Mendoza and his boys in Camp Crame must have seen red.

WHY RUN? Francis M has disappeared from the scene after his brush with the law.

'SHREK'

Wild, wonderful, fractured, a little coarse

BY EMMIE G. VELARDE

REVIEW

IT'S HARD to describe what for me is the sharpest moment in this free-wheeling, uninhibited, and unapologetic full-length animated feature, but I will try.

Grateful rescued damsel in a light-headed exchange of gifts with smitten hero: He plucks a bullfrog from a pond, gives it unwarranted CPR so that it swells, strings it up like a balloon which he then presents as a token of affection.

Touched, she returns the gesture, but with a snake, knotted up.

This much fair warning I got beforehand about "Shrek:" As fairy tales go, it is slightly fractured.

So it is, but at the same time, its redeeming qualities are numerous.

You'd think because transparency, spontaneity and enthusiasm are human qualities, they shouldn't sit too snugly on cartoon characters. "Shrek" has taken liberties in such a way that, while exhibiting these very qualities, the characters remain flamboyantly flawed, often plain goofy, and still they play assigned parts in a fantastic story the best way they can.

There's light and dark in everyone, the filmmakers seem to say, and sides both good and bad.

Adult jokes

Parents might worry about a kiddie movie where a grumpy green ogre gets the princess. That is, especially an ogre who has such little regard for fine things that he keeps fairy tale books in the outhouse—and only to wipe himself clean with pages containing the words "live happily ever after."

I should say they have a point there. "Shrek" is a little coarser than standard Disney fare, and not entirely because of the onscreen repute of actors Mike Myers and Eddie Murphy.

To start with, the *bida* showers with muck, snacks on bowls of maggots, and feeds his dinner table lamp with freshly scooped earwax. Of course, the kids love the goo, the wrigglers, the slime, the slapstick, but many of the jokes are meant for adult ears. Happily, the double entendre zooms right past pre-pubescent perceptions.

Madcap moments

Shrek, like all bonafide ogres, lives as a recluse in a dank swamp that he guards with his life. One morning he finds his otherwise gloomy lair overrun with cheerful (absolutely the worst sort!) characters banished from the nearby fiefdom ruled by one Lord Farquaad. There, sitting around or frolicking right outside Shrek's door, is a whole barangay of familiar faces—three homeless pigs, a wooden boy with a long nose, three blind mice, a wolf in grandma's nightclothes . . .

Bristling, the ogre rushes to the castle and lands a deal with Farquaad: The beloved swamp back as it was, in exchange for rescuing the ruler's intended bride (chosen via a medieval season of "Dating Game") who is imprisoned in a tower under the resolute watch of a flying dragon.

The rescue sequence, though eventful and clearly the one best appreciated by the tots, is by no means the highlight of the story. Everything wild and wonderful happens after that, with madcap moments as icing on the mud cake.

Aside from the gift-swapping scene mentioned above, for instance, there is Fiona's fatal duet with a robin, predicted to be "the last word on Disney musicals." It ends with the hapless bird decimated, and its unhatched young on a hot rock, sunny side up.

And not to forget, the bizarre attraction between the she-dragon and Shrek's sidekick, a fast talking donkey, eventually helps tie up loose ends.

Amazing message

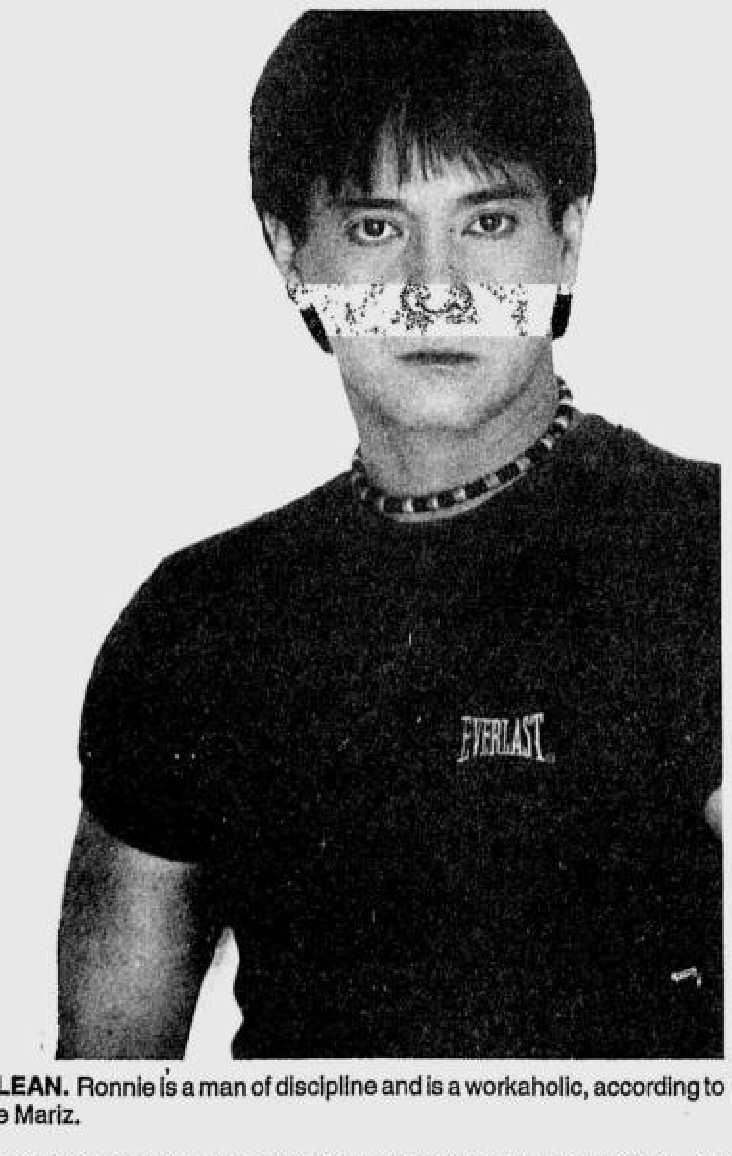
We get brilliant voice acting, to boot, the result of equally brilliant character match-ups: Murphy as the smart ass (pardon me), Myers as the ogre reprising Fat Bastard but crossing it with the quintessential misunderstood teenager, Cameron Diaz as Fiona basically scaling down her "(There's Something About) Mary" character to pre-school proportions.

John Lithgow's performance as Farquaad has been described as "impeccably imperious," certainly a line that's hard to top.

All four artists say they signed on for the project on the merits of the creative minds behind it (co-directors Andrew Adamson and Vicky Jenson drawing from the work of genius-cartoonist William Steig, and computer animation by Pacific Data Images which also did "Antz") and also for its "amazing message." Even Austin Powers was rendered defenseless by the good vibe. As Mike Myers, he spells it out: "Beauty and goodness come in many shapes and sizes."

I couldn't agree more. Throw in "love" and "happiness," too, which the ogre and his princess find by seeing beyond what is apparent and, therefore, limited.

My own private William Steig has always said, "Love is experienced for the soul. It is the soul that does everything, and feels everything. Love is experienced by the soul while in a body, and then maybe, afterward, without it."



MR. CLEAN. Ronnie is a man of discipline and is a workaholic, according to his wife Mariz.

Ronnie Rickets 'returns'

BY REMY M. UMEREZ

ACTION star Ronnie Ricketts walks around carrying several film projects just in case a movie producer asks for one.

"It pays to be prepared," says Ronnie. "Lesser time is consumed outlining the story idea you have in mind. Everything is on paper. He has all the time to read, study and decide whether to proceed with the project or not.

"There is always a risk when you leave your material with some companies. There have been a few cases where you are told how great your story is but it's too expensive to produce. Things like that. A few months later, you discover that a company has gone ahead with it and have made some changes in the storyline.

"You feel robbed but these things happen. As a rule, I always entrust my scripts with a major studio."

Ronnie is back in the movie scene via "Mano Mano 2" which he line-produced for Maverick. He is also the star as well as the director.

Why did it take him a while to be active again?

"A couple of reasons. The movie scene is not that productive. They want action spiced with sex. I only prefer action. The economics is as bad as the prevailing trend in films. I would rather be consistent in my output or wait for a better time.

Ronnie and his wife Mariz focused on putting up a restaurant, The Barn. Located on Katipunan Road, its customers are predominantly students. The Barn salad and smoked *tilapia* in lettuce and sesame oil have become quick favorites along with pasta.

Martial arts expert

An expert in martial arts, Ronnie conducts special karate classes for groups of 10.

The former ramp model shed off his matinee idol image in "Tatak ng Isang Api," where he was born as a new action star. He also wrote, starred in, directed and did the stunts in the film.

In the Maverick offering, he plays an ordinary man with a big heart and one who values friendship. The actor-director's knowledge of martial arts is mirrored in all the fight scenes. "Mano-Mano 2" has no guns, car chases and explosions. All the fighting is done by hand and no character gets killed or sent to jail.

A non-smoker, Ronnie has turned down offers to do cigarette commercials. He doesn't drink except for an occasional glass of red wine that he believes is good for the body.

As a director, Ronnie's services are sought because he delivers the goods on time and he sticks to the budget.

"Delays eat up the production budget," he explains. "During the pre-production stage, I deal with the script and the revision that has to be done. On the spot changes are unavoidable, especially when the suggested ideas sound fresh and affordable. I shoot with a storyboard on hand, a guide treatment that speeds up my work.

"A call slip at seven in the morning means the cameras are ready to roll at seven. Some who are not familiar with my working habits are surprised to see that the camera has already been set up.

"And no one reports late on the set because they know I will be there ahead of everybody."

"Mano Mano 2" is a reunion movie of sorts for Ronnie and his wife Mariz, whom he had to woo to make a "comeback" and play the lawyer part. This is the couple's fifth movie together.

Grooming the young

Mariz describes her husband as someone who is systematic and a workaholic. "He used to be tense when something goes wrong on the set. He is more patient now but he won't tolerate anyone coming to the set unprepared."

For Ronnie, directing is a continuous search for something that will challenge the senses. "It is still a medium for visuals and you don't stop at one style. You move on to new and interesting angles and insights."

Ronnie says he enjoys directing the young and grooming them for future stardom. He feels good seeing them in roles that he wishes he could do. "I see myself in them when I was just starting," he says.

He could have molded Renzo Cruz into an action star but the young man preferred bold roles. Mark Anthony Fernandez was Viva's choice for Ronnie's handling until personal problems stopped the young man.

In "Mano-Mano 2," Ronnnie thinks Rommel Montano has got what it takes to be an action star just like his famous brother, Cesar.

A Chinese director whom Ronnie worked with remarked that with Ronnie's discipline and knowledge of martial arts, penetrating the international scene would not be an impossible dream.

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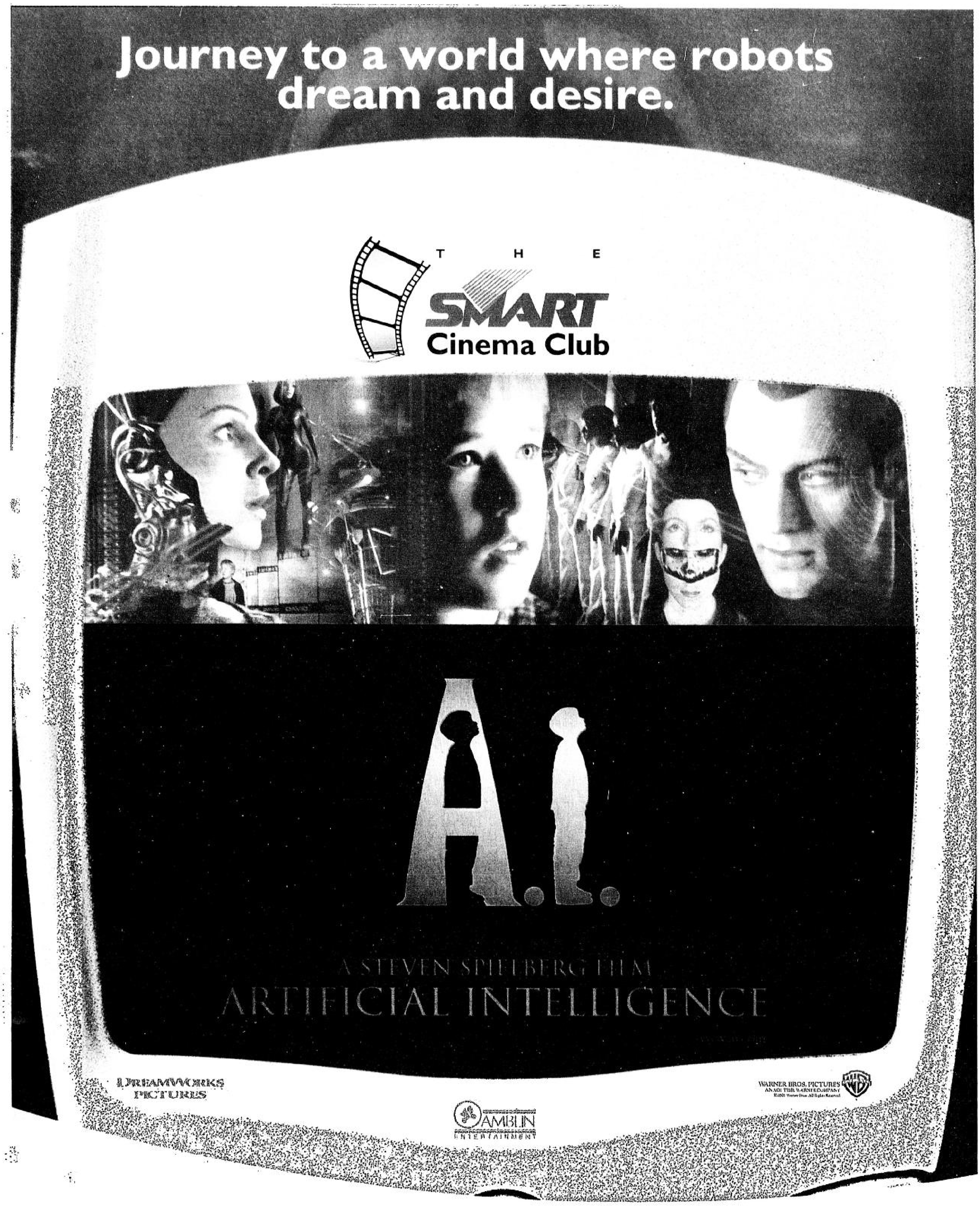

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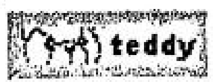

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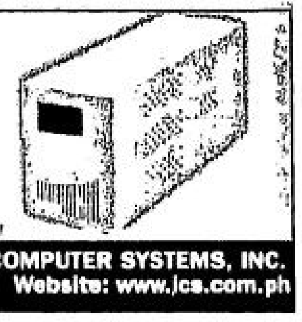

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US pressuring RP on laundering law

BY CLARISSA S. BATINO

THE US government has started to make things difficult for the Philippines as its Securities and Exchange Commission refused to register some $800 million in RP bonds until after an anti-money laundering law is in place.

A ranking government source said the US SEC had communicated the condition to the Department of Finance. The DOF sought to register the new securities in behalf of the national government last July.

The new condition came on the heels of an investigation of Sen. Panfilo Lacson's alleged laundering of millions of dollars in drug money in several US banks.

The Philippines is planning to issue at least $500 million worth of 10-year global bonds next month. The issuance could also be snagged by the delay in the approval of the US SEC.

The country still has $400 million worth of registered global bonds registered last year that it could use.

State-owned National Power Corp. was also set to register $400 million in new securities before the US SEC before it could issue its own debt instruments.

The Macapagal administration was pushing Congress to legislate by Sept. 30 an anti-money laundering law to comply with the requirement of developed countries.

The Paris-based Financial Action Task Force has given the Philippines until the end of next month to legislate a law against money laundering. Otherwise, the country would be retained in the list of 17 nations perceived to be uncooperative and whose financial transactions would be keenly scrutinized.

Money laundering is the act of "cleaning" or legitimizing funds raised from illegal activities like drug trafficking, kidnapping and racketeering.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, which is spearheading a campaign for the passage of the anti-laundering bill, has warned that the country faces stiffer sanctions from other nations, and the country's trade relations may even be impaired if financial transactions would be subjected to undue scrutiny.

BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura earlier said that some foreign banks have indicated their plans to turn down the processing of transactions of Philippine banks because of the higher cost and inconvenience involved when dealing with a country listed among the non-cooperative nations when it comes to money laundering.

The pressure on local banks, he said, started in June when US-based First Union Bank of Delaware informed 12 local banks, including the country's largest Bank of the Philippine Islands, that it would impose more stringent requirements in processing transactions while the country remained on the laundering list.

Another BSP official had said that foreign counterparts started to apply stringent rules on Philippine accounts during the impeachment trial against former President Estrada late last year and the pressure was expected to intensify.

"If the pressure intensifies, our foreign transactions would take longer, they would require more documents and eventually, it would become more expensive for our local banks," the official said.

The Financial Action Task Force was created in 1989 by the Group of Seven, the leading industrial countries in the world, to monitor the movement of funds from drug cartels, mafia barons and other shady sources that are being recycled through banks and investment institutions.

While international groups have recognized the efforts of the BSP in instituting administrative anti-laundering measures, the FATF, in particular, needed to see a law in place.

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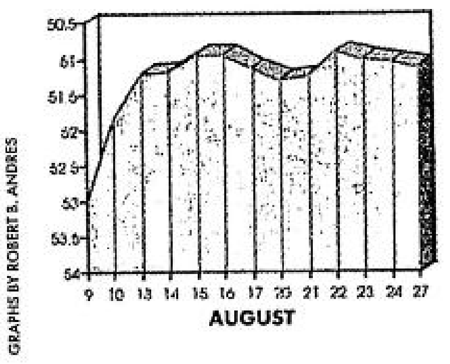

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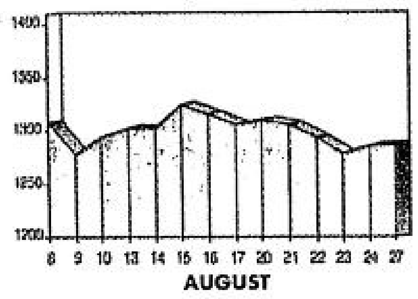

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Shares end mixed

SHARES closed mixed yesterday, with the main index inching higher on gains by blue chip PLDT, traders said.

The 30-company Philippine Stock Exchange Index ended up 1.41 points, or 0.1 percent, at 1287.48, after rising 0.6 percent Friday.

Decliners led gainers 38 to 23, while 40 issues were unchanged given the absence of broad-based demand in the market, traders said.

"Investors just haven't seen any compelling reason to buy stocks, except for low prices, and low prices can only get you so far," said BPI Securities assistant vice president Spencer Yap.

Not helping lackluster market sentiment was a lower court's issuance last Friday of a temporary restraining order against the sale of RFM Corp.'s Cosmos Bottling unit to San Miguel, traders said.

Volume reached 892.96 million shares worth P241.02 million from Friday's 640.03 million shares valued at P360.36 million. *AP*

Boni bidding on Sept. 17

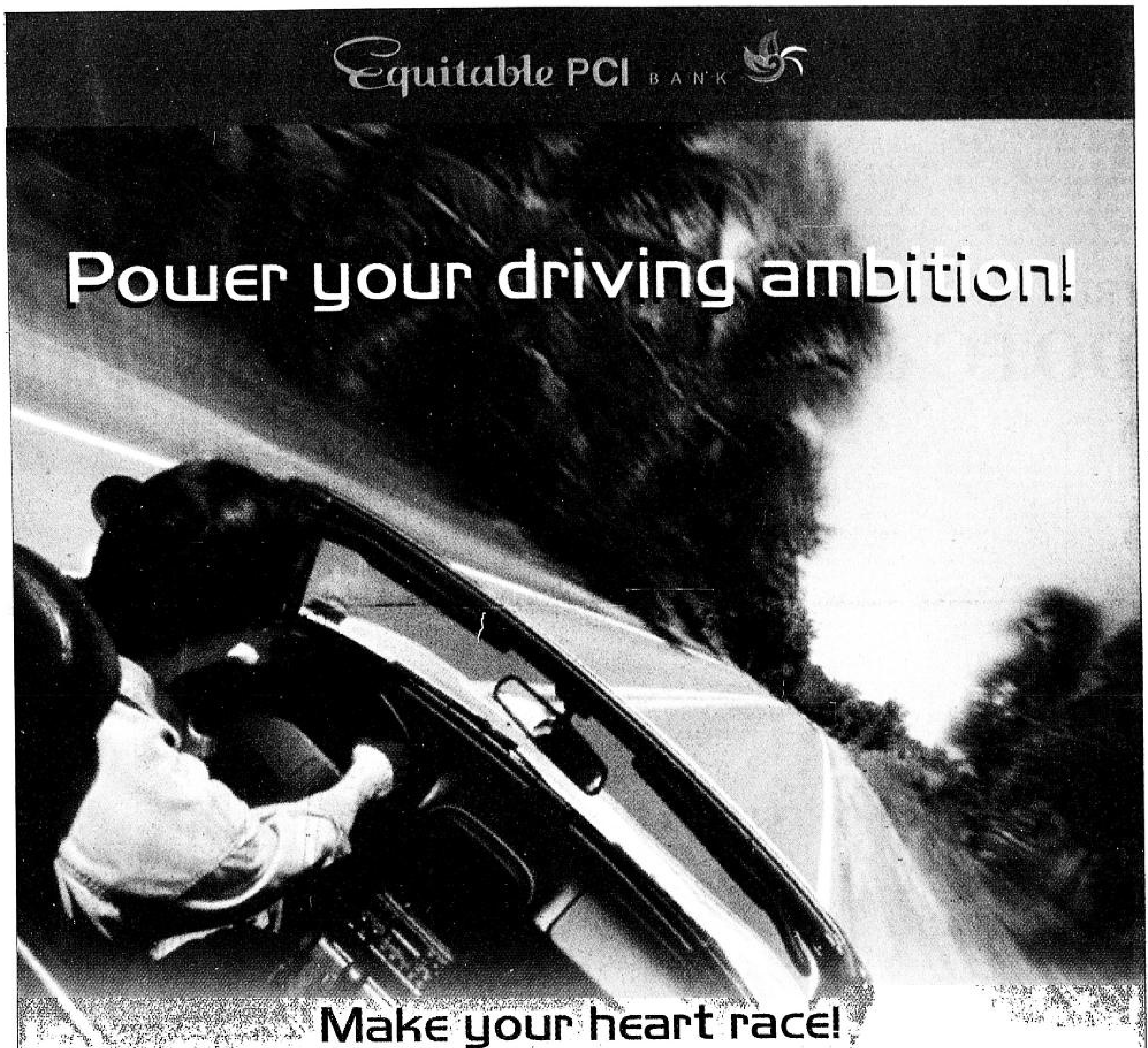
BONIFACIO Land Corp., a unit of publicly listed property firm Metro Pacific Corp., yesterday announced the pre-qualification of three big groups for the bidding of its 55-percent stake in an 18.9-hectare prime property project inside the Fort Bonifacio Global City next month.

MPC president and CEO Ricardo Pascua yesterday confirmed in a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange the three interested groups reported by the INQUIRER on Monday: Ayala Land Inc., Robinsons Land Corp. of the Gokongwei family and Penta Capital group. He said these companies were all pre-qualified for the bidding.

He disclosed that BLC would hold a pre-bidding conference with the three proponents next week while actual bids for the project, which is located in the northern central business district of the Fort Bonifacio Global City, would be accepted on Sept. 17.

"The interest generated by the bidding exercise will hopefully create a renewed interest in the property sector," Pascua said.

The northern central business district is located north of S&R Price Club up to the Kalayaan gate of Fort Bonifacio, near the University Park where three major international schools are located.



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Conrado R. Banal III

THIS cute administration, instead of using the shotgun approach called "open skies," is trying to create competition in the airline business slowly. This is the good news.

The bad news is that even if we give foreign investors free airplane tickets, business feels that they may not be attracted to the country. There's just too much politics still.

Reports say that Transportation and Communications Secretary Pantaleon Alvarez did something finally. He signed a memorandum of understanding with Singapore.

Now the memo does not really mean that Alvarez has a problem understanding the language in Singapore, which is English, la. It only means he agrees to certain things.

One is that the Philippines and Singapore should have more flights between them. Another is that they will allow more of their airlines to operate the route.

Today, there are only Philippine Airlines and Singapore Airline. So what did SAL do two years ago when PAL stopped flying? SAL took pity on us and jacked up its rates sky high.

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HOPEFULLY, if Alvarez succeeds in his policy known as "progressive liberalization," healthy competition can arise in the airline business. Again, let's be clear, that's healthy.

Our government used to give away our air rights to foreign airlines for free. Well, not exactly! Somebody did make money, but it was like distributing relief goods in Forbes Park.

Such is still deemed the best way to kill our airlines. When they die, foreign airlines will simply take over and dictate the rates.

And then what will our government do? It will probably pass laws to control the business. More problems arise. It will then create more laws to deregulate it. And so on.

In the mind of Alvarez, he simply wants us to have choices. In business, choices always mean good service and, for all you know, God willing, even lower fares.

In other words, Alvarez seems to want a little competition. Look, after the business was liberalized in the early '90s, fares for domestic flights went down.

Hopefully, a slow liberalization for international flights can bring about the same result. Hopefully. It's not yet clear how the Singapore experiment will turn out.

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ALVAREZ may be doing his job, but for us to attract the hordes of tourists and investors that we want, it will really take more than the effort of a Cabinet member.

Look at China—just take a look at that country! It's harder to get air rights there than to find the cure to my foot fungus. Yet investors and tourists flock there.

There must be something else other than the correct air policies like Alvarez's, right? So maybe it's time we take stock of our investment and tourism programs.

I mean, once and for all, we better find out soon what's wrong with them and what's still working. It's the only way we can realize the benefit of correct air policies.

For example, the Singapore memo creates direct flights between that country and our cities in the south like Cebu and Davao. Right away, you can see some benefits.

Those in the south don't have to come to Manila to fly out and vice versa. They don't have to fall prey to vultures at the Manila domestic airport or the Naia.

Now that means convenience for Filipinos working overseas, not to mention tourists. We only have to watch out for, well, the vultures we will create in Cebu or Davao.

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FOR that's the whole point. Much more needs to be done. In business, in fact, they are starting to feel uneasy about all this washing of dirty political leanings in public.

Former Central Bank governor Jose Cuisia Jr., for example, reportedly believes that the circus in the Senate, i.e. "investigation," is just creating more bad publicity.

He doesn't think it is good for business. Why? Because it scares away a lot of potential investors, that's why! So as far as he is concerned we must get over it soon. File cases, dammit!

In business, you see, despite the sponsorship of so-called civil society and certain figures in the Catholic Church of the circus, there's a growing sense that it's all politics.

Nobody has yet seen any evidence that Sen. Panfilo Lacson and his wife, plus of course the man named Band . . . Wrist Band . . ., have huge bank accounts overseas.

Yet everybody thought it was the whole point of the Senate circ . . . *este*, investigation. Do the bank accounts actually exist? We can surely use the money.

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ANYWAY, as days go by, the "secret evidence" is suspiciously becoming more and more like the famous second envelope in Wrist Band's impeachment trial.

Who knows, when it finally makes its first public appearance, it may also turn out to be a dud like the famous envelope.

How come "star witnesses" are surfacing who are people with criminal cases pending in the courts? How hard is it for the authorities to make a deal with them?

When they should be in prison, or at least undergoing trials for their crimes, instead, they are canonized by "civil society" and some religious personalities.

For that's what people in business are saying. This thing is creating suspicious minds of business people. What kind of politics are they up to this time?

A banker, for instance, wonders why star witness Ador says he delivered drugs to Kim Wong, when the latter was supposed to be the drug lord.

It's just like teaching Don Juan how to seduce women. Or even Wrist Band! Oops! The point is, where this is all leading. Don't tell me it's up to the year 2004!

FREE TEXT-CUT PLAN

DOTC chief warns phone firms

By Abigal L. Ho

MOBILE phone companies run the risk of scuttling their applications for new frequencies if they push through with their plan to offer fewer free text messages next month, according to Transportation and Communications Secretary Pantaleon Alvarez.

"It won't automatically get their applications rejected, but it will affect the decision of the NTC (National Telecommunications Commission)," Alvarez said in a news briefing yesterday.

Globe Telecom Inc. and Smart Communications Inc. are set to cut by three-fourths the number of free text messages they are offering to their subscribers.

Globe will cut effective Sept. 10 the number of free text messages that their subscribers can send from 150 to 50 for those using prepaid cards.

Smart is slashing its free text messages to 33, 83 and 250 from its existing 100-, 250- and 750-message allocations.

Alvarez told reporters the fact that these companies had pending applications for new frequencies meant that they had money to spare.

"Applying for new frequencies means that they're expanding. If they're expanding, that means they have the money," he said.

Globe and Smart earlier agreed to review their plans to offer fewer free text messages to their subscribers.

NTC chief Eliseo Rio told reporters that Globe and Smart promised to review their plan to cut by three-fourths the number of free text messages they were offering their subscribers, but the NTC left the final decision to the two mobile phone giants.

In an interview prior to his meeting with Smart and Globe, Rio told the INQUIRER that a compromise or "half-way" measure could be a less drastic text-cut plan.

The opposition to Globe's and Smart's text-cut plan comes largely from the fact that these two companies have posted huge gains over the past months.

While heavily indebted telecommunications companies performed poorly, market leaders such as Globe and Smart continued to see subscriber growth. Both have become main revenue drivers for their parents.

Smart is a unit of the country's largest telecommunications firm Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., and Globe is a joint venture between Ayala Corp. and Singapore Telecoms.

PLDT's first-half net income rose sharply to P1.37 billion from P122.5 million. Smart's revenue for the period was at P10.5 billion, out of PLDT's total revenue at P36.72 billion.

Globe's net income in the period surged to P2.55 billion from P620.76 million and its revenues grew to P15.45 billion against P8.37 billion.

TRO vs Cosmos-SMC deal extended

By Elena R. Torrijos

THE QUEZON City Regional Trial Court yesterday extended by 17 days its order stopping the P15-billion sale of the Concepcion family's Cosmos Bottling Corp. to San Miguel Corp.

In an earlier ruling that restrained the deal for 72 hours, Quezon City Judge Monina Zenarosa said she found "strong reasons to believe" that the sale "would work injustice to the plaintiffs during the pendency of this case and would tend to render any judgment herein nugatory."

Zenarosa ruled on a motion filed by Iloilo Rep. Augusto Syjuco Jr. in behalf of 10 soft drink companies acquired by Cosmos in 1996 for P1.17 billion.

Syjuco asked the court to stop a P15-billion deal that allowed San Miguel, the country's biggest food and beverage company, to acquire No. 3 Cosmos.

He also asked the court to rescind a 1996 agreement that gave Cosmos a number of bottling operations in the Visayas.

On Nov. 8, 1996, Cosmos bought Jaz Cola Philippines Inc., Jaz Cola Cebu Inc., Jaz Cola Bacolod Inc., Jaz Cola Iloilo Inc., Pacific Food and Beverage Resources Inc., Bacolod Food and Beverage Resources Inc., and Iloilo Food and Beverage Resources Inc.

Syjuco claims that Cosmos still has to pay some P400 million to complete its acquisition of the Jaz Cola group.

He said the P1.17 billion Cosmos paid to acquire the Jaz Cola companies "is not the total consideration of the sale. This is merely a part of the acquisition cost."

SMC to boost cap crown production

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

SAN Miguel Corp. is pumping in over P640 million to beef up its production of metal cap crowns, as it gears up for the opening of the market to foreign competitors.

San Miguel, currently the leader in the local market for crown caps with a nearly 70-percent share, is expected to further strengthen its dominant position in the packaging industry with the new project.

Through San Miguel Packaging Products Inc., San Miguel will spend some P500 million to buy equipment and P140 million to construct a factory on a two-hectare lot currently used as a parking lot and storage area for empty bottles and cases inside San Miguel's brewery and bottling plants in San Fernando, Pampanga.

The new project will boost capacity by 4.32 billion pieces a year.

The project was granted incentives by the Board of Investments, with fiscal perks based on the 2001 investment priorities plan because it would serve the packaging requirements of the food processing clusters in Central Luzon, Southern Tagalog and Central Mindanao.

The BOI agreed to grant San Miguel a six-year income tax holiday. It was eligible for four-year tax breaks as a non-pioneer project, but was granted a longer period because it was located in a lahar-affected province.

The first phase of the project, covering the first crown line, will start in July next year. The second phase, which includes two more crown lines and two lithography lines, will be ready by January 2003.

The additional capacity will serve the requirements of San Miguel subsidiaries and competitors, including San Miguel Beer, Coca-Bottlers Philippines Inc., La Tondeña Distillers Inc. and recently acquired Cosmos Bottling Corp.; Asia Brewery Inc. and Tanduay Distillers Inc.; Pepsi Cola Philippines Inc.; El Tomador; Silver Swan; and Sy Su International. San Miguel estimated that 70 percent of the additional capacity would be funneled to other companies.

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	SELLING	BUYING
1. ALABANG COUNTRY CLUB "A"	1,800,000	
2. ALABANG COUNTRY CLUB "B"	2,100,000	1,900,000
3. BAGUIO COUNTRY CLUB	750,000	
4. CALATAGAN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "A"	100,000	
5. CAMP JOHN HAY	350,000	
6. CANLUBANG GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	850,000	
7. CAPITOL HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	150,000	130,000
8. CELEBRITY CLUB	210,000	200,000
9. COUNTRY CLUB AT TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS	400,000	
10. CLUB FILIPINO	250,000	
11. EASTRIDGE GOLF CLUB "A"	220,000	
12. EAGLERIDGE GOLF CLUB "A"	400,000	350,000
13. EVERCREST GOLF CLUB "A"	140,000	100,000
14. FAIRWAYS & BLUEWATER	Pls. Call	Pls. Call
15. FOREST HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "A"	250,000	230,000
16. FOREST HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "B"	280,000	
17. FOREST HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "C"	500,000	400,000
18. MAKATI SPORTS CLUB "A"	350,000	
19. MAKATI SPORTS CLUB "B"	450,000	
20. MANILA GOLF CLUB (IND.)	14,500,000	
21. MANILA POLO CLUB	3,300,000	
22. MANILA SOUTHWOODS GOLF CLUB "A"	750,000	700,000
23. MANILA SOUTHWOODS GOLF CLUB "B"	900,000	800,000
24. MANILA YACHT CLUB	650,000	
25. METROPOLITAN CLUB "A"	160,000	
26. METROPOLITAN CLUB "B"	170,000	150,000
27. MT MALARAYAT GOLF CLUB (IND.)	400,000	
28. ORCHARD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "A"	250,000	
29. ORCHARD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "B"	400,000	
30. ORCHARD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "C"	550,000	
31. PUERTO AZUL BEACH CLUB	150,000	140,000
32. QUEZON CITY SPORTS CLUB	230,000	200,000
33. RIVIERA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "A"	220,000	
34. RIVIERA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "C"	350,000	
35. ROYAL NORTHWOODS	Pls. Call	Pls. Call
36. STA. ELENA GOLF CLUB "A"	1,900,000	1,800,000
37. SUBIC BAY YACHT CLUB (IND)	500,000	
38. TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS INT'L. GOLF CLUB	950,000	850,000
39. TAGAYTAY MIDLAND	800,000	750,000
40. VALLE VERDE COUNTRY CLUB	195,000	175,000
41. VALLEY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	285,000	
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Banks offer to raise $420M for Napocor

FOUR investment banks abroad have offered to raise some $420 million to help the government meet state-run National Power Corp.'s financing needs this year.

Documents sent to Napocor identified the interested banks as Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., Daiwa Seiko Inc., JP Morgan Chase & Co. and Credit Suisse First Boston.

Lehman offered to raise as much as $200 million through a five-year, "dual currency" bond with a spread of 5.4 basis points over the London interbank offered rate.

Daiwa said it was willing to raise over 6 billion yen ($25 million) by issuing one-year bonds with a spread of between 1.88 and 2.08 percentage points over Libor.

JP Morgan Chase submitted a proposal to raise 300 million euros from a facility that would mature in five years. The investment bank proposed a premium of 5.46 to 5.71 percentage points over Libor

Credit Suisse First Boston offered to lend $50 million to Napocor through a bridge-finance facility.

Clarissa S. Batino

DISCLOSURES

GOTESCO Land Inc. has denied having any information that may explain the unusual movement in the price of its class "A" shares.

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THE CHEMPHIL Group has been ordered by the Laguna Lake Development Authority to shut down its sulfuric acid plant. But to enable the LLDA to determine the plant's level of air emission, the company will restart the factory's operation.

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MARSTEEL Consolidated Inc. has denied having any information that could explain the 50-percent rise in the prices of its class "A" and "B" shares.

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BANKARD Inc. has announced the resignation of Tadeo Hilado as a director and corporate secretary of the company. Elected to replace him was Marcelo Dy while Guia Margarita Santos-Qua was elected assistant corporate secretary.

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ELECTED members of **Far Eastern University's** board of trustees were Lourdes Montinola, Edilberto de Jesus, Aurelio Montinola III, Angelina Jose, Paulino Tan, Gianna Romero-Salas, Lydia Echauz and Elizabeth Melchor. Elected independent trustee was Wilfrido Tecson. ***Compiled by Maricar D. Tolosa, PDI Research***

Philippine Stock Exchange

(As of Monday, Aug. 27, 2001)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Bank of the Phil. Islands	63	63	62.5	63	212,400
China Banking Corp.	610	610	610	610	570
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	33	33	32	32	338,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	200	201	197	201	121,910
Philippine National Bank	51.5	52.5	51.5	52.5	1,117,800
Phil. Savings Bank	29	29	29	29	1,000
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	20	20	20	20	2,000
Security Bank Corp.	19.25	19.25	19.25	19.25	141,100
Union Bank of the Phil.	24	24	22.5	22.5	52,300
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Filipino Fund Inc	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	20,000
First Metro Invest. Corp.	244	244	244	244	100
Manulife Financial Corp.	1510	1515	1510	1515	4,580
Sun Life Financial Serv.	1210	1215	1205	1215	2,030
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	34.5	34.5	34	34	1,900
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.5	0.5	0.49	0.5	520,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	640	640	640	640	300
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	520	535	520	535	11,280
Ivantage Corp.	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	300,000
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.033	0.033	0.032	0.033	27,700,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	32	32	31.5	32	64,200
Manila Electric Co. B	43.5	44	43	44	380,300
Petron Corp.	1.82	1.82	1.8	1.8	940,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	20,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	13,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	1.94	1.96	1.94	1.94	237,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Union Cement Corp.	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	102,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	2.04	2.04	2.04	2.04	2,000
Cosmos Bottling Corp.	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.7	1,470,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	13.5	13.5	13.25	13.5	386,600
La Tondeña Distillers Inc.	25	26	25	26	3,200
Pure Foods Corp. A	75	75	75	75	300
RFM Corp.	2.32	2.32	2.26	2.26	564,000
San Miguel Corp. A	40.5	41	40.5	40.5	131,900
San Miguel Corp. B	56	56	55.5	56	190,500
Universal Robina Corp.	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	562,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Ayala Corp.	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.3	1,240,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.54	34,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.88	0.9	0.86	0.86	100,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.0085	0.009	0.008	0.009	611,000,000
Balabac Resources & Hldgs	0.165	0.165	0.165	0.165	150,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	11	11.5	11	11.5	5,100
Boulevard Holdings Inc.	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	100,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1.66	1.66	1.64	1.64	3,414,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	500,000
Ebecom Holdings Inc.	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	500,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	0.89	0.89	0.88	0.88	50,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	29	29.5	29	29.5	70,500
Forum Pacific Inc.	0.25	0.28	0.25	0.28	110,000
Global Equities Inc.	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	220,000
Guoco Holdings (Phils.)	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.25	1,000,000
Ionics Inc.	10.75	10.75	10.75	10.75	11,200
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.84	1.84	1.84	1.84	30,000
Medco Holdings	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	10,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.7	0.72	0.7	0.71	3,790,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	1,740,000
Philtread Holdings Corp.	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65	1,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	130,000
Tanduay Holdings Inc.	5	5	5	5	115,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
A Brown Company Inc.	0.46	0.46	0.45	0.45	30,000
Matsushita Elec Phil Corp.	5	5	5	5	332,000
Music Corp.	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	41,000
Central Azucar Don Pedro	0.81	0.81	0.8	0.8	100,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	63,500
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.54	0.54	0.5	0.51	4,030,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.5	0.5	0.49	0.5	2,620,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	170,000
Manila Jockey Club	19	19	19	19	7,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
Abs-Cbn Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	34.5	34.5	34	34	129,900
Cosmos Bottling Corp-Pref.	11	11	11	11	200
DMCI Holdings, Inc.-Pref.	510	510	510	510	200
Globe Tel. A-Warrants	460	460	460	460	1,100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series I	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series T	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	700
Philweb.Com Inc.-Warrants	0.012	0.013	0.011	0.013	66,000,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	4.85	4.85	4.75	4.8	2,290,000
Cityland Development Corp.	3	3	3	3	12,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.215	0.215	0.215	0.215	900,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.4	0.41	0.39	0.39	4,890,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	250,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.94	1.98	1.94	1.98	763,000
City & Land Developers	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	30,000
MRC Allied Ind. Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.22	0.22	1,850,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.1	470,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. A	0.0055	0.0055	0.0055	0.0055	3,000,000
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	3,000,000
Dizon Copper Silver Mines	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	3,000
Itogon-Suyoc Mines A	0.043	0.044	0.042	0.044	25,900,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.165	0.165	0.165	0.165	160,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. B	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	600,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	15,000,000
Omico Corp.	0.0038	0.0038	0.0038	0.0038	17,000,000
Polar Mines & Dev't Corp.	0.021	0.021	0.021	0.021	5,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	100,000
Oil					
Imperial Res.	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.019	5,000,000
Interport Res.	0.0042	0.0042	0.0042	0.0042	1,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	67,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.0042	0.0042	0.0042	0.0042	3,000,000
Pacifica	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	1,500,000
South China Resources Inc.	0.28	0.28	0.27	0.27	20,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	200,000

	SHARES	VALUE (P)
Banks & Fin Svc	2,013,790	120,417,105.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	731,447,880	100,053,250.00
PRO	11,455,000	18,125,110.00
Mining	69,763,000	1,527,200.00
OIL	77,720,000	445,800.00
GRAND TOTALS:	892,409,670	240,601,465.00

	AVERAGES	
Banks & Fin Svc	531.48	DOWN 1.84
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,818.30	DOWN 2.81
PRO	497.96	DOWN 0.54
Mining	1,261.14	DOWN 6.08
OIL	1.66	DOWN 0.02
All Shares Index	778.77	UP 1.61
Composite	1,287.48	UP 1.41

NO. OF ADVANCES: 23; NO. OF DECLINES: 38; NO. OF UNCHANGED: 40; NO. OF TRADED ISSUES: 101; NO. OF TRADES: 1,539

CURRENCIES

Aug. 27, 2001

Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Foreign currency in US$	Foreign currency in Peso
United States	Dollar	1.095050	1.000000	51.0560
Japan	Yen	0.009123	0.008331	0.4253
United Kingdom	Pound	1.580705	1.443500	73.6993
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.140572	0.128370	6.5541
Switzerland	Franc	0.657490	0.600420	30.6550
Canada	Dollar	0.711349	0.649604	33.1662
Singapore	Dollar	0.626925	0.572508	29.2300
Australia	Dollar	0.579699	0.529381	27.0281
Bahrain	Dinar	2.904797	2.652661	135.4343
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.292014	0.266667	13.6150
Brunei	Dollar	0.622294	0.568279	29.0141
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000126	0.000115	0.0059
Thailand	Baht	0.024680	0.022538	1.1507
UAE	Dirham	0.298216	0.272331	13.9041
Korea	Won	0.000862	0.000787	0.0402
Euro	Euro	1.000000	0.913200	46.6243
Germany	Mark	0.511292	0.466912	23.8387
France	Franc	0.152450	0.139216	7.1078
Netherlands	Guilder	0.453780	0.414392	21.1572
Austria	Schilling	0.072673	0.066365	3.3883
Belgium	Franc	0.024790	0.022638	1.1558
Italy	Lire	0.000517	0.000472	0.0241
Finland	Markka	0.168188	0.153589	7.8416
Portugal	Escudo	0.004988	0.004555	0.2326
Spain	Peseta	0.006010	0.005488	0.2802
Luxemburg	Franc	0.024790	0.022638	1.1558
Ireland	Punt	1.269738	1.159525	59.2007

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T-bill rates still rising; Treasury warns banks

BY CLARISSA S. BATINO

AS BANKS continued to jack up the yields of treasury bills, National Treasurer Sergio Edeza has warned that the government would reject in full all bids next week if the financial market would bid above yesterday's average.

"Banks have pushed rates to levels that were no longer acceptable. We are serving a fair warning that if this happens again, we will reject in full next week," Edeza said.

He said that if banks would insist on raising treasury bill rates, the government would be forced to increase its foreign borrowings.

While the yield of the 91-day treasury bills slid by 1.4 basis points to 9.57 percent, the rates of the six-month and one-year instruments rose by 28.1 points and 15.2 points to 11.94 percent and 12.95 percent yesterday.

Edeza said the fixed-income market has no reason to jack up rates after the US Federal Reserve had cut short-term interest rates by half-a-percentage point.

While the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas has refused to match the US Fed reduction, Edeza explained that the US move would ease the pressure on the peso and would help dissuade monetary authorities from raising local interest rates and bank reserve requirements.

The national treasurer said the government should have started rejecting banks' bids two weeks ago when offers were already unreasonable. But the government, because of a substantial volume in bids, accepted the offers to calm the market's apprehensions on a possible increase in interest rates or bank reserve requirements.

"We would like to send the message to the market that this is already the ceiling. The market has lost its reason to bid up rates. They should not put their greed in their bids," Edeza said.

The government, he said, has so far raised about $520 million from foreign sources. He said loan offers continued to pour in and if these were cheaper, the government might choose to take them.

Next month, the treasury is expecting to get as much as P20 billion in proceeds from the issuance of dollar-linked bonds and another $200 million from a US treasury bill facility opened by Citibank N.A.

"Once we get all these, we can afford to reject all the bids. Anything higher than where it is now will be rejected," Edeza said.

A fixed-income trader said the market was worried that the central bank might continue to raise the reserve requirement or even its overnight rates.

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COUNTRY SHARES
AS OF AUGUST 28, 2001

	BUYING	SELLING
ALABANG COUNTRY CLUB A/B*	1,700,000	1.7M / 1.8M *
BAGUIO COUNTRY CLUB	750,000	800,000
CALATAGAN GOLF CLUB A/B*	-	100,000/105,000 *
CAMP JOHN HAY	325,000	350,000
CAPITOL HILLS	130,000	135,000
CELEBRITY SPORTS CLUB	210,000	215,000
EAGLE RIDGE A/B*/C**	*350,000/620,000 **	400,000/450,000*/700,000 **
EASTRIDGE A	-	200,000
EVERCREST A/B*	-	150,000/170,000 *
FONTANA D/C*/B**	88,000/120,000 *	90,000/150,000*/280,000 **
FOREST HILLS A/B*/C**	-	240,000/350,000*/450,000 **
LUISITA GOLF CLUB	500,000	Please call or swap
MAKATI SPORTS A/B*	-	350,000/400,000 *
MANILA POLO CLUB	-	3,575,000
MANILA SOUTHWOODS A/B*	-	800,000/850,000 *
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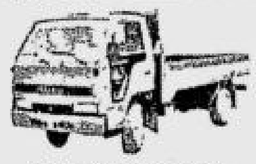

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Notice is hereby given that the Philippine Stock Exchange has approved the application of **BNP PARIBAS PEREGRINE SECURITIES, INC.**, for voluntary suspension of trading operations effective August 31, 2001.

We again express our gratitude for your continued support.

Very truly yours,

BNP PARIBAS PEREGRINE SECURITIES, INC.

By:

(Sgd.) **MA. ANNABELLE MONTANER-BAUTISTA**
Chief Operating Officer

BOHOL I ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
Maca-as, Tubigon, Bohol

INVITATION FOR BIDS NO. 8

SECTION 1

The **BOHOL 1 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.** (BOHECO 1) has appropriated funds for the procurement of One (1) Unit **TEN (10) MVA 69/13.2 KV SUBSTATION TRANSFORMER** and accessories to be installed in Maca-as, Tubigon, Bohol for its load within the main office area.

Sealed bids for supply and delivery of brand new One (1) Unit **10 MVA 69/13.2 KVA SUBSTATION TRANSFORMER** and accessories will be received by BOHECO 1 at its main office in Maca-as, Tubigon, Bohol on or before **10:00 a.m., October 9, 2001**, at which time and place said proposal will be opened and read in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

Only BIDS for the supply of brand new **U.S., EUROPEAN, KOREAN, JAPANESE** and **TAIWANESE** models will be accepted. Indent bid is also acceptable.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain information and secure official bidding documents from BOHECO 1 main office upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos** (P1,500.00).

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

(PDI - Aug. 28 & 29, 2001)

AUCTION

Due to the closure of MSF Tire and Rubber Inc.

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PLANT SERVICES - DEMAG 20T Cap. Overhead Crane; INGERSOLL RAND ER-1, XLE 17.10, E-EM Type 33 XLE Air Compressors; Main Control Cabinets; Heavy Duty Electric Cable; Exhaust Ducting, etc.

LABORATORY - METTLER TOLEDO AB204 Digital Scale; Auto Trend Digistrip AS Recorder; EDMON BUHLER 5M BOC Apparatus; Test Sieves, etc.

OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT - Single/Double Pedestal Desks Filing Cabinets; PANASONIC Facsimile Machine; EPSON FX 1170 Dot Matrix Printer; Fibre Optic Data Network System

MISC. & SCRAPS - Large Cap. Electric Motors, Pumps, Valves; Huge Qty. Of Pipework; Storage Tanks; Fire Extinguisher; I-Beam; Blowers; Metal Scraps, etc.

AT: MSF TIRE AND RUBBER INC.
Km. 21, East Service Road, South Superhighway,
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TRiViA

By BONG BARRAMEDA

What watt?

Q. Why is electrical consumption measured in kilowatt-hour?

A. The kilowatt-hour (kwh) is a measure of electrical energy. It is the energy used when an electrical appliance with a power of one kilowatt (1,000 watts) is run for one hour. The unit is named in honor of James Watt (1736-1819), the Scottish engineer whose improvements to the steam engine made it a useful source of power.

Name Game. **Meralco.** Isn't this a wrong acronym for Manila Electric Co.? Well, the power firm's original name was **Manila Electric Railroad and Light Company,** which it got during the American era when it operated the city's electric streetcar system after establishing a powerhouse at Isla de Provisor near Ayala Bridge. Gone is the streetcar but the acronym lives on.

Classified Odd. Returning home from working the night shift in January 1995, an unnamed police officer at Stone, Staffordshire, England, couldn't resist making passionate advances toward his wife as she was preparing breakfast. He proceeded to wrap a slice of bread around his sex organ, at which point his hungry pet Labrador took one look at the hotdog on display and took a swift bite. The man, in his 20s, was left rolling on the floor. He was off sick for several days and needed cosmetic surgery. A fellow officer stated that his doctor banned him from sex for a few weeks, and that everyone was waiting to see how he filled out his sick-leave form.

WORD WATCH

Passion : ultimately, from the Latin *pati*, "to suffer."

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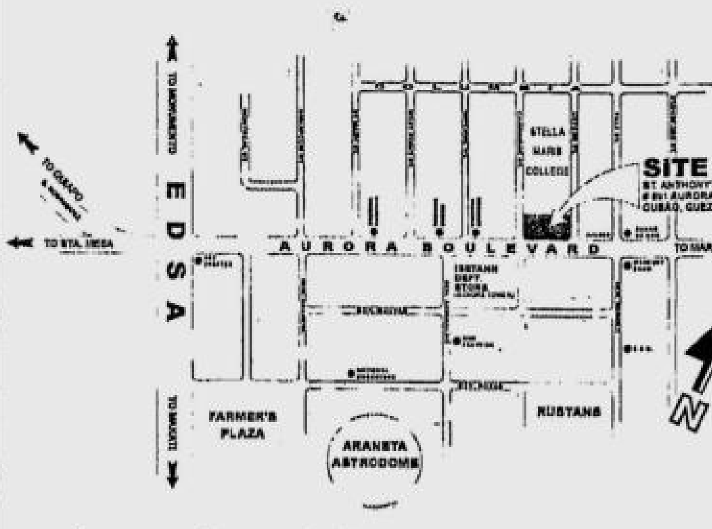

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INVITATION FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

All parties interested to bid for the project described below are invited to apply for Application for Eligibility and to Bid with the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), Subic Bay Freeport, Olongapo City. Only eligible contractors will be invited to participate in the forthcoming bidding.

A. Name and Location of Project : **CONSTRUCTION OF ENTRANCE CANOPY @ BUILDING 8015, SBIA, Subic Bay Freeport Zone (SBFZ)**

B. Project Description/Scope of Works:

Proposed Main Entrance Canopy at Departure drop-off area, eastern most side of Subic Bay International Airport, Building 8015 covering an area approximately 1,065.18 sq.m. The proposed project shall include supply of all supervision, labor, materials and equipment, required for the construction of entrance canopy of Subic Bay International Airport, consisting of removal of existing walkaway skylights, structural support system, erection of concrete in place, structural, architectural and electrical works and other miscellaneous and incidental works.

C. Approved Budget Cost: **Php = 10 MILLION**

D. Required PCAB Registration and Classification/License:

PCAB Principal Qualification and Category
General Building "B"

Kinds of Project and Respective Ranges
Building and Industrial Plant "MA"

E. Cost of forms for Application for Eligibility and to Bid, dates and place of issuance: Php 200.00 (non-refundable);

Issuance date: September 17 and 18, 2001 only, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Engineering Department, PWTSG, SBMA
Room 223 Building 255, Barryman Road, SBFZ

F. Deadline for submission of Accomplished Application for Eligibility to Bid: October 01, 2001, 5:00 p.m.

Address to:

ATTY. CHITO M. CRUZ
BAC Chairman/Sr. D.A. for Support Services
c/o Engineering Department
Room 222, Building 255 Barryman Road
Subic Bay Freeport Zone

G. Time and date of submission and opening of Bids, Pre-Bid Conference and Site Inspection shall be confirmed in the Notice of Eligibles.

Application for Eligibility and to Bid is open to all contractors with valid PCAB (Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board) Contractors License and Registration. Prospective bidders are required to submit a Letter of Intent and Certified True Copy of the Contractors License upon purchase of the forms for Application for Eligibility and to Bid and shall bring the original copy of the Contractors PCAB License Classification Registration for verification and authentication purposes.

Bid Documents shall be issued only to the eligible contractors duly notified by SBMA in writing upon payment of the non-refundable cost of the documents.

All participants relative to the eligible process, bidding, evaluation of bids and award of contract shall be governed by the latest provisions of PD 1594 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations as Amended.

The SBMA reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any defect therein and accept the offer it deems most advantageous to the Government.

(Sgd.) **CHITO M. CRUZ**
BAC Chairman/Sr. D.A. for Support Services

(PDI – Aug. 28, Sept. 3 & 10, 2001)

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Visit the SSS website for Bid Invitations

INVITATION TO BID

SSS EMPLOYEES RICE REQUIREMENT FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF CY2001 AND SALE OF LUXURY VEHICLE AND UNSERVICEABLE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

The SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM is inviting bidders for the following:

1. Supply and door-to-door delivery of approximately 7,700 sacks of Freshly Milled Premium Grade Commercial Rice for SSS employees for the Fourth Quarter of Year 2001 with the following specifications:
   - Degree of milling : Well Milled Rice (WMR)
   - Moisture Content : 14% (maximum)
   - Grade Specifications : Headrice - 90% to 95% (minimum) Broken - 10% to 5% (maximum)
   - Packaging : 50 kilos in light yellow woven polyprophylene sack
   - Labeling : With front and back markings
   - Delivery terms : Thirty (30) calendar days upon receipt of the Purchase Order (P.O.)
2. Sale of various unserviceable furniture and equipment on an "as is, where is basis".
   Quantity : One lot (for actual verification) as supported by waste material reports and inventory and inspection reports.
   Location : SSS Bagbag Property, Quirino Highway, Novaliches, Quezon City
   Minimum Bid Price : P250,000.00
3. Sale of luxury vehicle at the SSS Main Building on an "as is, where is basis".

Type	Year Acquired	Minimum Bid Price
Serviceable: Ford Expedition XLT	1999	P990,000.00

List of pre-qualification requirements/bid documents for items 1, 2 and 3 must be obtained from the PBAC Secretariat, 6th Floor, SSS Main Building, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City with telephone numbers 922-2991 and 920-6401 local 2379/2380. Below is the deadline of submission of pre-qualification documents, at the same address:

Item No.	Deadline
1	September 14, 2001
2	September 17, 2001

For Item No. 3: sale of luxury vehicle, the opening of bids will be held on **September 26, 2001** at 2:00 PM, Bidding Room, 6th Floor, SSS Main Building.

The SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, to waive any formality or technicality, and to award to any bidder whose proposal is deemed most advantageous to the System. The SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM neither assumes any obligation for any loss whatsoever that may be incurred by the bidders in the preparation of their respective bids, nor does the System guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **HORACIO T. TEMPLO**
Executive Vice-President and Chairman
Pre-qualification, Bidding and Award Committee

(PDI – Aug. 28, 2001)

ERRATUM

On an ad by a "prestigious publishing company" looking for EDITORS, DESK EDITORS, and REPORTERS published in this paper last Sunday, **August 26, 2001**, the e-mail address written was quadratic@edsamail.com.ph.

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INVITATION TO BID

1. The Government of the Philippines has obtained a loan from THE JAPAN BANK FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (hereinafter referred to as "the Bank") in the amount of Two Billion Four Hundred Twenty Eight Million Japanese Yen (Y2,428,000,000) towards the cost of the Fisheries Resource Management Project (FRMP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for **Supply, Installation, Commissioning, and Maintenance of an Integrated Voice and Data Communication System for the FRMP** (hereinafter referred to as System).
2. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) now invites sealed bids from qualified Bidders for the supply, installation, operationalization, and maintenance of the System. Qualified bidders from eligible source countries of the Bank are invited to submit bids.
3. Companies that will be considered for Pre-Qualification must have:
   a. At least five years experience in the supply, installation, operationalization and maintenance of voice and data communication networks.
   b. Expertise in the installation and operation of voice and data networking equipment such as Voice Repeaters, Routers, Hub Switches, Radio Modems, and other related equipment.
   c. Capability to undertake civil works in installing antenna masts for repeater and base station all over the country.
4. Interested bidders must submit the following pre-qualification documents together with a Letter of Intent on or before 14 September, 2001:
   a. Name of company, nature of business, address, telephone/fax number, email address, year of incorporation/year business established.
   b. Incorporation papers from the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) or its equivalent for international bidders. If the bidder is bidding with other companies, same requirement applies to the companies it is bidding with.
   c. Audited financial statements (balance sheets and profit and loss statements) for the current year.
   d. List of major customers served and/or projects undertaken in data and voice communication networking in the last 3 years. (Include references and their addresses, location and total costs of projects).
   e. List of Qualified Personnel employed with backgrounds in Communication, Computer and Civil Engineering. (Include Curriculum Vitaé and Licenses).
   f. Certified Photocopy of Business Permit/License or its equivalent for International bidders.
   g. List of equipment relevant to the installation, operationalization and maintenance of voice and data communication networks.
   h. Name of authorized representative(s) with specimen signature(s) who will officially represent the company (and the consortium, if applicable).
5. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the Chairman, Pre-qualification, Bids and Awards Committee (PBAC), Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, c/o The FRMP Project Management Office, 2nd Floor, Estuar Building, 880 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, PHILIPPINES. Telephone Number: 0632-3725008, 0632-4109990; e-mail: pnfmontes@yahoo.com; fax: 0632-3725008.
6. A complete set of Bid Documents is available for purchase upon submission of pre-qualifying documents as stated in paragraph 4 of this Invitation to Bid and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P2,000.00 or 25 US dollars. Bid documents will be issued from **August 29, 2001** to **September 14, 2001**.
7. A pre-bid conference shall be conducted on **September 26, 2001**, 9:00 a.m. at the FRMP Project Management Office. A summary of the conference proceedings and results shall be sent to all Bidders who have purchased the bidding documents.
8. The two-envelope system shall be adopted. One envelope shall contain the technical proposal and the other, the price proposal. The technical proposals shall be opened first and evaluated to determine if they conform to the specifications. After the technical evaluation shall have been completed, the price envelopes of the Bidders whose technical proposals have been determined to conform to the technical specifications shall then be opened publicly, with Bidders or their representatives allowed to be present. The price proposals of the Bidders whose technical proposals have been determined not to conform to the technical specifications shall be returned unopened to the Bidders concerned.
9. Bid currencies can be stated in Philippine Peso, US Dollar or Japanese Yen. The Central Bank foreign exchange rates of the last trading day before the opening of bids shall be used for evaluation of Dollar and Yen Bids.
10. All bids must be delivered to the FRMP Project Management Office, 2nd Floor, Estuar Building, 880 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, PHILIPPINES on or before 2:00 p.m., **November 15, 2001**.
11. Bidders who qualify for the technical evaluation shall be informed in writing. The said Bidders shall be invited to be present to the public opening of the price proposals on a date to be set later.
12. All price proposals must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2.5% of the total bid price. The bid security shall be in the form of a manager's check or a Surety Bond from a reputable bonding company, stated in Philippine Pesos, and shall be valid for 120 days from the date of opening of bids.

(Sgd.) **MALCOLM I. SARMIENTO, JR.**
Director
Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic-Resources (BFAR)

(PDI - Aug. 28, 2001)

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Maynila, Pilipinas
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY AND TO BID

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) will conduct a prequalification of prospective contractors for the fabrication of built-in cabinets, open-shelves, receiving counters, computer tables and low partitions at the COA office, 4/F, Multi-Storey Bldg.

Details may be obtained from the Manager II, Procurement Division II, Administrative Services Department, Room 212, 2nd Floor, 5-Storey Building, BSP Complex, Malate, Manila, Tel. No. 525-2493 & 525-0048.

For prequalification purposes, interested bidders/contractors must submit proofs showing that they comply with the following requirements:

1. Contractor should be a general contractor with PCAB accreditation at least category A level.
2. Contractor should have at least five (5) years experience as finishing contractor and a track record on interior construction of commercial/institutional projects requiring high-end finishes and excellent workmanship such as first class hotels, banks, offices and financial institutions, restaurants, clubhouses, etc. The Bank reserves the right to verify, through inspection the completed projects.
3. Contractor should submit a list of completed projects indicating project cost and nature of work undertaken.
4. Contractor should have completed two (2) projects costing at least P800,000.00 of similar technology, complexity and magnitude as that of the project.
5. Contractor must issue a Guarantee Bond for a period of one (1) year after acceptance of work.

The above requirements, together with the photocopies of documents listed below (original of items 1 and 2 to be presented for authentication purposes) shall be submitted to the Administrative Services Department, Room 212, 2nd floor, 5-Storey Bldg., corner A. Mabini and P. Ocampo, Sr. Streets, Malate, Manila not later than **September 3, 2001.**

1. Articles of Incorporation and Business Registration Papers;
2. Y2000 audited Financial Statements (Balance Sheet & Income Statement)
3. Y2000 Income Tax Return; and
4. Company history/profile of the bidder.

Only those who comply with the above requirements and are prequalified by the Bank will be invited to participate in the actual bidding which will be conducted on a later date to be advised to prequalified bidders.

The two envelope system shall be adopted in the bidding.

The BSP hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids, as well as to waive any defects or informality in such bids, and to accept such bids as may be considered most advantageous to the Bank.

(Sgd.) **EDUARDO L. MAGAHIS**
Officer-in-Charge

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NICOLAS M. MAGCASE

of San Pablo City, Laguna
December 6, 1920 — August 25, 2001

It is with joy tinged with the sorrow of parting that we announce the passing on to life eternal of our beloved Nick , a loving husband, a good father, a wonderful grandfather.

His loving wife,
MELY

His beloved Children,
Minna & Dinggong Licuanan, Boyet, Nicky & Marites De Jesus,
Mitzi, Raymond, and Karen & Toby Tobias

His dear Grandchildren,
Cheko, Carlo & Paolo Licuanan, Kyle, and Adrian, Camille, Patricia, Melissa & Michael

His Brothers and Sisters,
Restituto (†) & Aurora (†) Diawan, Maximino (†), Pedro & Herminia Santos,
Elisea & Alfredo Villegas, Jose (†) & Cecilia (†) Ortiz, Guadalupe & Basilio (†) Azucena,
Leoncio (†) & Vicenta Tolentino, Bernabe (†), and Marino

His In-Laws,
Lil & Roger Librojo, Aida & Pita Eubinag,
Rory & Frankie Eizmendi, and Lito & Es Eubinag

And his Nephews, Nieces, Other Relatives and Friends

request all pious readers to join them in prayer
for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Resurrection Chapel
(beside the San Pablo City Cathedral)
Interment will be on August 30, 2001, Thursday
after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Resurrection Chapel

Enrique Rafael "Ricky" O. Lojo

(June 8, 1986 – August 26, 2001)

Peacefully joined our Creator on August 26, 2001 at the age of 15.

His loving parents **Mary Grace** and **Rafael**; sisters **Sarah** and **Michelle**; maternal grandparents **Diding** and **Peping Ortega**; paternal grandparents **Justin** (†) and **Consuelo** (†) **Lojo**; aunts and uncles; and cousins; request relatives, friends and the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the family residence, 164 Venice Street, Phase 4, BF Homes Parañaque, Metro Manila.

His body will be cremated on August 28, 2001, 2:00 p.m., at the Manila Memorial Park Crematory, Sucat Road, Parañaque, after the 12:00 noon Mass at the Presentation of Child Jesus Parish Church in BF Homes, Parañaque.

I am
the way,
the truth
and the
life.
No one
comes
to the
Father
except
through
Me.
John 14:6

In Loving Memory
of the
First Death Anniversary
of our Mommy

DR. CRISTINA CRISTOBAL NANO

who passed away on August 28, 2000

We, her children **Skeet** and **Nani, Sluggo** and **Olga**;
her grandchildren **Michael, Angela, Vincent** and **Joseph**
request all relatives and friends to pray
for her eternal repose.

JUANITA ORIONDO INUMERABLE

of Kamuning, Quezon City and
Nasugbu, Batangas

Peacefully joined her Creator and husband on August 26, 2001 at the age of 87.

Her body lies in state at Arlington Memorial Chapels (LOVE CHAPEL).

Interment wil be on Thursday, August 30, 2001 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City after the 1:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Parish, Kamuning, Quezon City.

"....to live in the hearts of those you left behind is not to die..."

Today we lovingly remember the
Second Death Anniversary
of:

DOÑA AMPARO L. LACSON

Masses will be offered at the following churches:

CHRIST THE KING PARISH, Green Meadows Avenue, Quezon City	7:00 a.m.
PARISH OF SAN FELIPE NERI, Mandaluyong City	6:30 a.m.
PARISH OF OUR LADY OF THE ABANDONED, Sta. Ana, Manila	6:30 a.m.
ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH, Makati City	6:00 p.m.
OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH, Sucat, Parañaque	6:00 p.m.
STO. NIÑO OF PAZ COMMUNITY, Greenbelt Chapel, Ayala	12:15 p.m.
SACRED HEART CHURCH, Cebu City	6:00 a.m.
BASILICA DEL STO. NIÑO, Cebu City	8:00 a.m.
SAN VICENTE FERRER PARISH, Cebu City	6:00 p.m.
STO. ROSARIO CHURCH, Cebu City	5:30 p.m.
CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, Bacolod City	6:00 a.m.
SAN SEBASTIAN CATHEDRAL, Bacolod City	5:15 p.m.
SACRED HEART SHRINE, Bacolod City	5:30 p.m.
QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH, Bacolod City	5:30 p.m.
OUR LADY OF GRACE, North Beach, Perth, West Australia	6:30 a.m.

Special Mass will be celebrated at LACSON & LACSON INSURANCE BROKERS, INC., 8/F Salamin Building, 197 Salcedo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City at 3:00 PM.

Our family and relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

PATROCINIO SARMIENTO LUCZON

Died in the Grace of our Lord on August 26, 2001
at the age of 89.

Pat Luczon is a native of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur. Born to **Estanislao** and **Hulalia Sarmiento**, she was the youngest and only daughter among 12 children. A BS Nursing graduate of UP-PGH, she was a source of comfort to her patients and a diligent partner of her husband in his private clinic practice. She was a God-fearing and loving wife and mother.

She is survived by her husband **Dr. Luciano U. Luczon**; her children **Ador** and **Nida Luczon, Lilia** and **Val Lorenzana, Bess** and **Nel Velasco**; her grandchildren **Noel** and **Shiela, Marissa, Luel** and **Maricar, Gay** and **Alan, Renchie, Rochelle, Michael, Michelle, Jennifer** and **Daniel**; her great-grandchild **Hans Christian**; and her only living brother **Rufino**.

Her remains lie in state at Arlington Memorial Chapels, G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be announced later.

In Loving Memory

on his 8th Death Anniversary of

ROQUE "Tete" VAÑO ESCAÑO

of Malitbog, Leyte and Cagayan de Oro

Who died in the Grace of our Lord on August 28, 1993

Holy Masses will be offered today, Tuesday, August 28, 2001 at the following churches:

GREENHILLS MEMORIAL PARK	4:00 PM
SAN VICENTE FERRER PARISH	6:00 AM
SAN ISIDRO LABRADOR, Gusa	6:00 AM
JESUS NAZARENO PARISH	5:30 PM
SACRED HEART PARISH	5:30 PM
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL	6:00 AM
ST. AUGUSTINE CATHEDRAL	5:30 PM
SAN ANTONIO PARISH	6:00 AM
SANTO NIÑO PARISH	6:00 AM
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH	6:00 AM
CARMELITE MONASTERY CHAPEL	6:00 AM
MALAYBALAY CARMELITE MONASTERY	6:00 AM

The RIA (ROQUE, ISIDRO, ASUNCION) ROJAS ESCAÑO FOUNDATION, INC. Board of Trustees, Officers, and Staff, relatives and friends request the pious readers to remember ROQUE in their prayers.

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People, Events & Products

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Miriam CSC offers First Step

THE MIRIAM College Child Study Center (CSC) offers First Step, a pioneering readiness program for 3-year-olds starting September. The First Step program is based on a child-centered approach that ensures guided learning experiences that are arranged according to the children's emerging capacities and interests. The First Step program also espouses developmentally appropriate practices which include: an integrated curriculum with strong language focus; age-appropriate and individual-appropriate learning materials and methods; a wide variety of activities that incorporate indoor and outdoor play; socio-cultural and gender-sensitive learning experiences; multiple sources of authentic assessment; strong partnership between school and home. Enrolment is ongoing. For more information, call 435-9240 to 46, 927-2421 to 27 local 213, 228, 229; fax 435-9325.

Hamburg unveils new showroom

HAMBURG International Sales Corp., the exclusive Philippine distributor of world-renowned brands in interior design for the home, launches on Aug. 30 its newly renovated showroom in Pasong Tamo, Makati City. Along with the opening of the new showroom will be the introduction of the latest designs of one of Hamburg's feature products, Villeroy & Boch. Dubbed as "The House of Villeroy & Boch", the new concept will allow customers to go through its complete product line "as if they were virtually walking through their dream home." A cocktail reception with guest of honor Luitwin Gisbert von Boch, vice chair of the company that bears his name, will cap the event. Other European brands for bathroom fixtures and accessories like Dornbracht, Huppe, Keuco, dline, Hansa and Blanco will also be featured. The showroom is located at 2230 Pasong Tamo Avenue, Makati City.

Dusit Hotel hosts bowlfest

THE 6TH AHRM Inter-Hotel Bowling Tournament, hosted by Dusit Hotel Nikko Manila, was formally opened at the Coronado Bowling Lanes in Makati City recently. Participants from Dusit Hotel Nikko, Bayview Park Hotel Manila, Diamond Hotel, Edsa Shangri-La Hotel, Makati Shangri-La Hotel, Hotel Intercontinental, New World Renaissance Hotel, Heritage Hotel, Manila Midtown, Pan Pacific Hotel, The Peninsula Manila and The Westin Philippine Plaza, escorted by their respective human resources directors and general managers, were present to witness the opening of the tournament. Games are scheduled every Tuesdays and Fridays until Aug. 31.

The Heritage Hotel 7th year

THIS August, The Heritage Hotel Manila will celebrate its 7th anniversary. An exciting line up of activities commemorate the month-long event. All paying guests in any of the hotel's food and beverage retaurants will get a chance to win free round trip tickets for two persons to San Francisco, Bangkok, Hong and Ho Chi Minh City. A seven-day/six-night cruise for two persons to Hong Kong, Hainan Island, Xiamen and Vietnam is also at stake. Lastly, two overnight cruises for two persons to either Cebu, Bacolod, Cagayan or Iloilo will be raffled off during the anniversary celebration. Guests will also get a chance to try try their good fortune with this sure win lucky dip. For every P700 worth of food and beverage consumed from Aug. 1 to 31, guests will be given a chance to win instant prizes like an overnight stay in the hotel, 10-percent discount at the Hua Ting Cantonese Restaurant and complimentary cake of the month, among others.

Win a Rav4 or P1.3M in 3Com Raffle

IT'S your choice: Drive around in a brand new Toyota Rav4 or be P1.3 million richer. Participants in the raffle must have purchased 3Com dual 56k LAN modem, AirConnect starter pack, SuperStack 3 Firewall, and other selected 3Com products from authorized resellers of Microwarehouse, 3Com's exclusive Philippine distributor. Each buyer of designated 3Com products must register with 3Com Philippines through the web, fax or postal mail. Web participants must log on to www.ap.3com.com/free4x4 and fill up the online registration form. Through fax, participants can send their completed registration form included in the mailer to Microwarehouse at (632) 636-3720. Postal mail participants should mail the completed registration form to Microwarehouse at P.O. Box 015 Pasig Central Post Office. Promo period ends on Aug. 31. For more information, log on to www.ap.3com.com/free4x4.

Trips abroad in Nestlé promo

DO you want you become an instant millionaire? Well, here is your chance. All you have to do is buy specially marked tubs of Nestlé Ice Cream Classic, Supreme and Flavors of Summer. Dig inside the tub and find the blue round plastic chip inside. Your chip may be the lucky one that entitles you to a corresponding prize. Nestlé Ice Cream is giving away trips for two to the United States, Bangkok, Hong Kong and Boracay. Two ice cream lovers will also bring home a big-time cash prize of P1 million each. A lucky winner will aslo have a chance to win a brand–new Honda Civic. Other prizes at stake are Nokia cellular phones, Sony Playstations and P100,000, P10,000 and P5,000 cash prizes and thousands of free ice cream. Nestlé "Dig That Chip" national promo will run until Aug. 31 only.

MAYSILO ESTATE SCAM

Appeals court affirms dismissal of Caloocan title registrar

THE COURT of Appeals has affirmed the dismissal of Caloocan City Registrars of Deeds Yolanda O. Alfonso for grave misconduct and dishonesty for issuing titles in violation of the property registration law, falsifying and knowingly altering the date of registration of an original land title of the old Maysilo Estate to favor certain parties for monetary consideration.

The decision, penned by then acting Court of Appeals presiding justice Cancio, C. Garcia, chair of the first division, thus upheld the findings of the Land Registration Authority, the Department of Justice and the Office of the President on the case. The Senate also investigated the land titling scandal, which it called "the mother of all land titling scams."

Concurring in the decision were Associate Justices Elvi John S. Asuncion, Renato O. Dacudao and Bienvenido L. Reyes Jr.

The appellate court cited the rule that "factual findings of lower courts and quasi-judicial bodies command great respect on appeal." Justice Garcia said, "Our own examination of the records does not justify a departure from the rule and even convinces us more of petitioner's culpability."

The transfer certificates of title issued by Alfonso changed the registration date of Original Certificate of Title No. 994 from May 3, 1917 to April 19, 1917.

The complainant in the case was the Phil-Ville Development and Housing Corp., whose three titles were affected by the titles issued by the registry of deeds to one Eleuteria Rivera in 1996. The firm was one of hundreds of other landowners whose titles were affected by the Maysilo Estate land scandal.

Certification

Alfonso certified in three transfer titles issued to Rivera that these were derived from OCT 995 originally registered on April 19, 1917. Earlier, in response to the firm's query on the true date, Alfonso had replied that there is only one OCT 994, which was registered on May 3, 1917. Thus, she made it appear that there were two OCT 994, one originally registered on April 19, 1917, and another on May 3, 1917.

The Alfonso certification was also contrary to the LRA Administrator's letter to the company in 1996 that OCT No. 994 was issued on May 3, 1917, pursuant to the decision of Judge Norberto Romualdez in the Court of Land Registration Case No. 4429, dated Dec. 3, 1912.

Unbroken chain

In accordance with the decision, Decree No. 36455 was issued by the Court of Land Registration on April 17, 1917. The decree was received for transcription by the Rizal registry of deeds in Pasig on May 3, 1917, the date of the issuance of OCT No. 994.

Phil-Ville traced the validity of its titles in an unbroken chain from Oct 994 originally registered on May 3, 1917. Thus, it said, the issuance of the three titles to Rivera was highly irregular as these covered lots already owned by Phil-Ville, LCM Theatrical Enterprises and Bonifacio Shopping Center Inc.

The complainant said the titles were issued to Rivera as one of the alleged heirs of Maria de la Concepcion Vidal of Spain. The LRA's previous investigation reports showed that "it is genetically and physically impossible for Rivera's family to be the heirs of Vidal. The Spanish lady never even set foot on Philippine soil.

Senate investigation

The Senate, which also investigated the Maysilo Estate titling anomalies at the initiative of then Sen. Marcelo B. Fernan, reported that there was only one OCT No. 994 and it was issued on May 3, 1917.

The Senate report also said both Alfonso and the deputy registrar of deeds Norberto Vasquez acted maliciously and fraudulently and in bad faith for issuing titles or certifications with the wrong date of registration of OCT 994. In the case of Alfonso, the Senate said, "Malice was evident because she had previously issued titles in the names of other individuals which were derived from OCT No. 994 dated May 3, 1917, and she had in fact questioned the falsity of April 19, 1917 as the correct date of the OCT No. 944 registration.

On the basis of the Senate report, and the findings of the Department of Justice under then Secretary Teofisto Guingona Jr., LRA Administrator Alfredo R. Enriquez had the case investigated and later found Alfonso guilty. Vasquez was earlier investigated and dismissed. The LRA investigation report said Alfonso's acquiescence in the alteration of the date of registration of OCT 994 and deliberately ignoring the legal safeguards, especially her failure to require the presentation of a subdivision plan duly approved by the LRA or the Land Management Bureau, for the Rivera titles, are sufficient basis to find her guilty of grave misconduct.

In upholding the DOJ findings on Alfonso, the Office of the President said:

"It cannot be overemphasized that to officials like respondent Alfonso, belong at the first instance the task of protecting the integrity of a Torrens title and the Torrens system itself. But far from safeguarding the integrity of the Torrens system respondent Alfonso undermined the same by disregarding certain provisions of law envisaged to preserve the effectivity of the system. In the process, she virtually compelled certain individuals holding separate Torrens titles to litigate at great expense and inconvenience to protect his right represented by their certificates of title. And to think that a title issued under the Torrens system enjoys the conclusive presumption of validity."

International Exchange Bank
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A FIVE-STORY commercial building being used by the Department of Trade and Industry Region 11 in downtown General Santos City, South Cotabato, was constructed with the C-Joist floor and roof slab system

C-Joist slabs system: an 'economizing' boon

AMID the high cost of labor and construction materials these days, the C-Joist floor and roof slab system continues to be a boon to owners, builders and constructors through fast completion of projects.

This was reported by construction industry quarters to the Concrete Ventures Group Inc., which manufactures and markets the tested C-Joist brand of the floor and roof system.

Earlier, the Construction Industry Authority of the Philippines had attributed the 6-percent drop in construction activities last year to, among others, the high cost of construction inputs, particularly labor and materials.

Builders that regularly avail themselves of the C-Joist floor and roof slab system cited data to show what they call "the C-Joist time-saving advantage" in construction activities.

For instance, they said, it would require only a day to install C-Joist over a 120-square meter area, using six persons. This compares quite well with the conventional method, which will take about four days, utilizing the same number of personnel.

It was also pointed out that in terms of savings, using C-Joist roof and floor slabs will provide at least 20-percent savings compared to using the conventional cast-in-place method, and at least 17-percent savings compared to the metal decking system.

Overall, therefore, the C-Joist saves on labor costs and minimizes the use of form works and of concrete aggregate materials.

The C-Joist product is used in the construction of a wide range of residential and commercial buildings, schools, offices, hospitals, shopping malls, condominiums, parking buildings and warehouses.

Early this year, the CVG announced the completion of the modernization of its manufacturing plant in Malvar, Batangas. It is the leading and biggest precast, prestressed reinforced concrete joist manufacturer in the country.

Since the plant began operating in 1992, it had undergone several phases of upgrading and modernization, the most recent being completed last December. It now boasts of a minimum production capacity of one million linear meters a year.

Full-blast dev't at Metrogate San Jose

METROGATE San Jose Phases 1 and 2 undergo full-blast development as buyers make plans for the construction of their homes by the fourth quarter of the year.

Editha L Manansala, president of Moldex Realty Marketing Inc., announced that Metrogate Phases 1 and 2 are the first two projects within a 10-phase development plan involving 108 hectares. Each subdivision will be a self-contained community with first-class recreational amenities that include a clubhouse, a swimming pool and sports facilities.

Metrogate San Jose Phase 1 and 2 are prime residential and commercial subdivisions owned and developed by Moldex Realty Inc. Metrogate San Jose is one of MRI's projects in the North. It is located at the corner of the major crossroads in San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan—one going to Sta. Maria and the other to Novaliches and Norzagaray. They are accessible either via the North Division Road using the Bocaue Exit or through Novaliches via the Grotto-Tungkong Mangga Road.

The development plans include landscaped main entrance gates with guardhouses, concrete road network systems, underground drainage systems, centralized water supply, Meralco facilities, landscaped parks and commercial areas. Also within the vicinity are the commercial centers of Novaliches, Sta. Maria and San Jose, Bulacan and the Grotto Vista Resort.

MRMI is the exclusive marketing company of the Metrogate San Jose projects. For more information, interested parties may visit the MRMI at the corner of Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue and Leveriza Street, Pasay City.

OXFORD SUITES TO OPEN IN MAKATI

Oxford Suites, patterned after the global trend of boutique hotels in both the United States and Europe, will offer local and international businessmen world-class accommodation when conducting business in Makati. The property is strategically located at the corner of P. Burgos and Durban Streets. A contract signing finalizing the operations of Oxford Suites was concluded recently. Jose E.B. Antonio, chair of Century Properties Inc., builder of Oxford Suites, shakes hands with Glenn Nakamura, chair and CEO of BRYCL Resorts International Inc., the hotel operator. Witnessing the event are Rafael Yaptinchay, president of Meridien Land Holdings, property developer of Oxford Suites, and Adrian Knox, president of Century Properties Management Inc.

Regional construction market awaits Philippine trade show

THE BUILDING and construction industry awaits the most comprehensive building and construction trade show and the most interactive, hands-on construction marketplace in Southeast Asia.

Dubbed as the Philippine International Construction and Building Materials Exhibition and Technology Forum (Philconstruct), the much-awaited event will be held from Nov. 15 to 17 at the World Trade Center on Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City.

The annual event, which began in 1991, has seen tremendous growth over the years, in terms of overall show size and the number of exhibitors. It has attracted both local and international exhibitors and quality trade visitors.

It is an event where the world's best and the Philippines' finest converge to do business as well as load up on ideas and innovations that will benefit their business operations.

Philconstruct 2001 will bring together leading suppliers and manufacturers of construction materials, products and services. It shall provide networking opportunity with over 40,000 industry professionals including architects and engineers, buyers and investors, property owners and developers, building administrators, information technology experts, interior designers, business and government group representatives, contractors and major corporate users.

This year's event will see the participation of over 400 from at least 30 nations. To date, it has the confirmed support from Malaysia through Matrade (Malaysia External Trade Development Corp.), US Commercial Service, US Embassy, Austrade through the Australian Embassy, the Embassies of Japan, France, Indonesia, India, Great Britain, Singapore, the Czech Republic, the Italian Trade Commission, Royal Thai Embassy and Finland Trade Center.

Product coverage includes architectural, interior decorating and engineering products, building machinery and heavy equipment, professional services for building and construction, power tools and hardware, low-cost housing systems, IT-related products and services, as well as research, literature, education, institutions and associations involved in the industry.

Top US faucet maker repositions its brand

LEADING US faucet manufacturer Delta Faucet Co. is repositioning itself in the market to meet the more stringent demands of consumers for innovative products while maintaining the quality that the brand has been known for through decades.

The brand repositioning campaign came following an intensive market research conducted by the company that identified consumer needs and concerns and the current industry competition.

From the "professional brand" tag that has become synonymous with the Delta brand of high-end kitchen and bathroom furnishings, the company undergoes an evolution to make it the "beautifully engineered" brand to reflect its vision of style and quality that goes with the most trusted name in faucets.

The nearly 50-year-old firm built its name for continuously inventing innovative products with superior craftsmanship that end-users enjoy. These qualities allow the brand to maintain its industry leadership in design, particularly with regard to style and functionality.

With the evolution in the brand image, the company also decided to redevelop its logo to reinforce the consumer-tested positioning and to symbolize the reinvention of the brand.

The new logo has lighter font and eliminated the confining and dated rule that used to box the brand name. The icon has been changed from the symbolic single handle faucet that Delta invented 50 years ago to the illustrative water drops, and is now positioned on the left of the brand name.

The company manufactures a variety of faucet lines for residential and commercial uses such as the flagship brand Delta, Delta Select, Peerless and Synergy.

Institute offers lecture on real estate math

THE URBAN Institute of Real Estate will conduct a four-hour lecture on Real Estate Mathematics on Sept. 8 from 1:30 to 6 p.m. at the 2nd floor, Joni's Bakeshop, Pasay Road corner Paseo de Roxas, Makati.

The lecture covers the principles and mathematical computations related to interest, interest formulas, cash flow diagrams, present value, future value, sinking fund and other interest formulas and their application to various real estate situations. It will also include a demonstration on the computerized preparation of tables of value and their uses.

The lecturer, Enrico S. Cruz, is a civil engineer and has more than three decades of working experience in engineering, construction, real estate and education. He place first in the real estate appraisers board examinations in 1994 and 8th in the real estate brokers board examination in 1988.

For inquiries, call up the Urban Institute at 681-0928 or fax at 681-0953 or e-mail at urbanet@pacific.net.ph.

Bank financing packages for Georgetown homeowners

FIRST Georgetown Ventures Inc. offers prospective homeowners at its Georgetown Lakeview Vacation Estate in Metro Tagaytay flexible financing terms and special loan packages through the Philippine Savings Bank (PSBank).

A new PSBank promo called the "Home Free" program is made available for all buyers of Georgetown's house and lot package which returns the principal amount of the loan at the end of the term. Loan terms range from 15 to 30 years at competitive interest rates fixed for one year. For the first five years, the buyer only needs to pay for the interest because of the 5-year grace period on principal repayment being offered by the bank. Buyers start amortizing their loan from the 6th year up to loan maturity.

Regular loans are also being offered with a maximum 20-year loan term for house and lot buyers and a 10-year loan period for vacant lot buyers.

Georgetown prime lots are currently available at P7,250 per square meter, while average lots are sold at P6,750 per square meter. Available lot area starts from 300 square meters and up. Attractive discounts await cash buyers.

To ensure hassle-free processing and as an added service to prospective buyers, FGVI financial officers will personally assist interested parties in facilitating their loan. Call 810-0374 or visit www.georgetown com.ph or e-mail FGVI@sfi.com.ph for more information.

Georgetown LakeviewVacation Estate is a 25-hectare vacation paradise that offers cozy American country homes equipped with modern drainage and water systems.

Each home is especially designed with families, weekend vacationers and retirees in mind. What sets it apart from other vacation estates is that each homeowner is guaranteed an unobstructed view of the magnificent Taal Lake and the Tagaytay caldera set across blue skies.

Model houses like the recently inaugurated three-level Cedarbrook and two-story Rosewood Manor are available for viewing. Each home is equipped with a working fireplace and chimney perfect for the highland climate.

True North Golf moves forward

TRUE North Golf Club at the Clark Economic Zone is reaching the final construction stages of its first 18 holes and golf clubhouse facilities. The front nine will open for members' initial play by the end of September, while the construction of the back nine will be completed before the end of the year.

To set up the operations, True North Golf Club has appointed the services of Hong-Kong-based Asian PGA Services, a company specializing in the development and management of golf clubs. Some of the projects the group is involved in are the Old Course Hotel and Golf Club at St. Andrews in Scotland, the Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club in Hong Kong, and the Emirates Golf Club in Dubai. True North Golf Club may soon be the venue of major Asian PGA golf championship tournaments.

True North Golf Course was designed under the IMG banner by Nick Faldo and Nancy Lopez. The golf course will now be maintained by Golforce Inc., which has the reputation as the best golf course maintenance company in the Philippines. Golforce is now working on the golf courses of Wack Wack Golf Club and seven other top golf clubs in the country.

W.V. Coscolluela Architects completed the designs for the golf clubhouse. The clubhouse offers a commanding view of the golf course below, the Clark Field panorama and the Mt. Arayat beyond. It is due for completion in time for the operation of the first 18 holes.

THE FRONT nine of the first 18 holes of the True North Golf Club

CONSTRUCTSCOPE

Worldbex gets US support

THE UNITED States Commercial Service of the US Embassy recently renewed ties with the Worldbex Services International, organizer of the 7th Philippine World Building and Construction Exposition (Worldbex 2002), to promote the trade show in the United States and encourage American companies to participate. The pact was sealed through a memorandum of agreement signed by US Counselor for Commercial Affairs George Ruffner and WSI founding chair Joseph Ang.

Mall tours

KEPPEL Philippines Properties Inc. and Phinma Property Holdings Corp. recently launched a series of mall tours for its pilot project—Palmdale Heights. A self-contained community consisting of 7.6 hectares of residential and commercial components in Pasig City, Palmdale Heights is expected to revolutionize the standards of residential-commercial condominium in the country.

REAL ESTATE

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Is your home disaster-prone?

(First of two parts)

BY TESSA R. SALAZAR

DEATH and destruction can come in the unlikeliest of places. It might even be lurking right underneath your noses.

Cooking oil was sprinkled on the hose of the gas tank and around the gas range every time Berta cooked her delicious food. She never bothered to wipe it off every now and then. Just like most of her neighbors, her LPG gas tank was placed strategically underneath the gas range in an enclosed corner of her home—a 150-square-m sprawling bungalow on a 260-sq.-m lot.

The gas hose, meanwhile, has been a delicious, giant soft pretzel to Berta's two resident rats. They nibble on the hose every day—particularly when Berta's cooking oil (flavored with the meal of the day) finds its way on the gas hose. Eventually, the hose develops a leak. The leak is so small Berta can hardly smell the LPG leaking out. Her gas switch regulator, thanks to the rodents, is also loose. She doesn't bother to check on it, much less change it.

One day, Berta switches on her gas range. She never gets to see the ensuing explosion that incinerates her and her house.

Aling Linda is obsessed with shiny floors, and she takes pride in how her visitors remark on her being such a clean housekeeper. Her humble abode—at 59-sq. m—is sparkling clean.

But her floor wax and the rags she uses to polish her floor are always hidden either underneath her wooden stairs or up in her attic. Electrical wires crisscross her attic. Aling Linda neglects to check on them, thinking it wouldn't matter since visitors don't see the wires anyway.

Little does she know that her wooden ceiling has become dried and crisp, waiting for the right spark to become fuel for a fire just itching to happen. One particularly hot summer day, the scorching sun heats the ceiling where the loose wiring and the rags for floor wax are all kept. This deadly combination spontaneously combusts, and in less than an hour Aling Linda's humble abode, clean but unsafe, is reduced to ashes.

Young Paulyn was dressing up for school one morning when she smelled her toaster burning. She ran to the kitchen and was horrified to see her overheated toaster on fire. Paulyn panicked. She threw a pail of water on the toaster before unplugging the appliance from its electric socket. Paulyn was electrocuted and killed instantly.

A fluorescent lamp's ballast installed on the ceiling of Mang Mel overheated. Unfortunately, Mang Mel didn't use fire-retardant paints on his ceiling and walls. The house caught fire and received extensive damage before the flames were put out.

A 1997 fire in Arizona gutted down an entire community. Except for one house. The owner of the house—who was also a carpenter—used fire-retardant paints. His electrical wires were durable and fireproof as well. The carpenter did have to spend more for the safety of his house. But now he isn't homeless, and the fond memories in his home are still intact.

Maintenance Association of the Philippines president Ramon Elias F. Ortiz appealed to the government to promote a "seven-year subliminal programming" of safety and maintenance consciousness on equipment, garbage and traffic in all places. He recommended an every-hour-on-the-hour three-minute reminders on radio and in schools and offices until such time that the Filipinos have imbibed safety consciousness in their everyday lives.

"Also, as early as kindergarten up to college, children should be taught continuously how to respond in times of emergency and have a combat-readiness mentality," Ortiz said.

He said that a one-time training on safety consciousness is not enough. "You might end up being fed up with refresher courses on fire training, but these might be the ones to save your life or other's lives one day," he stressed.

Most fires in the Philippines start spontaneously. The presence of all the necessary elements: fuel, heat and oxygen—the "fire triangle"—triggers combustion.

Some of the common sources of fires are still-lit cigarette butts thrown on carpets and beds, faulty electrical or loose wiring, malfunctioning fluorescent lamps, LPG cylinders and electrical appliances.

(Next week: More disasters—at home, offices, schools and commercial establishments—waiting to happen.)

Gov't agency gears up for 20,000 housing units

THE NATIONAL Home Mortgage Finance Corp. plans to finance up to next year the acquisition of at least 20,000 housing units by informal settlers through the agency's revitalized Community Mortgage Program, according to NHMFC president Angelico T. Salud.

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Addressing the business meeting of the National Real Estate Association, Salud said the housing target will require some P1-billion in government subsidies to the CMP which he hopes will be released during the year to boost the delivery of 50,000 informal housing assistance earlier committed by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

"As of this month, the NHMFC has an inventory of CMP loan applications for 206 informal housing sites which have been granted funding commitments, with beneficiaries totaling 26,540 and a corresponding loan value of P921.87-million," Salud said.

On top of these, the NHMFC have some 170 CMP projects for accreditation, with a loan value of P1.4-billion for an estimated 15,000 family beneficiaries, Salud said.

He also expressed confidence that the recent revision of the CMP loan implementing guidelines will dramatically cut loan processing time.

These include the reduction of required loan documents; increase in loan ceiling from P80,000 to P100,000 per family beneficiary for projects in Metro Manila and in highly urbanized cities and up to P85,000 in other areas; acceptance of the CMP loan collaterals to include lands reclassified as commercial, industrial, residential or for other nonagricultural uses;

Allowing as part of the loanable amount the financing of related expenses required in the purchase or transfer of the land title from the landowner to the community association of informal settlers, such as for transfer tax and documentary stamp tax; and acceptance of land-collateral without the need for improvement, earlier required prior to loan release, such as earthfilling and riprapping, provided that this will not pose danger to life and property.

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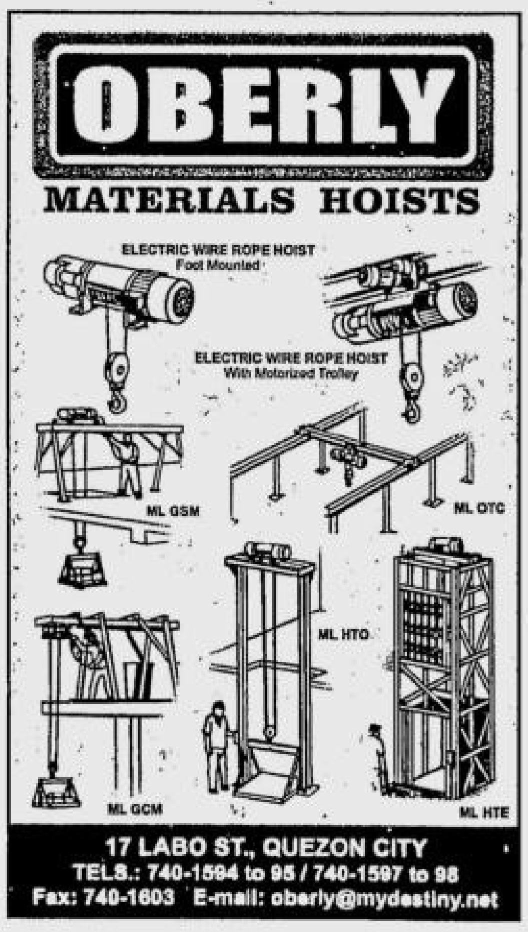

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Crown Asia backs Novaliches dev't

LEADING property developer Crown Asia is fully supporting both the national and local government plan for the development of the Novaliches district that straddles both Quezon City and Caloocan City.

As a manifestation of this support, Crown Asia chief executive officer Marcelino C. Mendoza said "we have either fast-tracked or are continuing further development of at least seven subdivisions in the Novaliches area.

"Overall, the prospect of growth for Novaliches and the immediate areas surrounding it are first-rate," Mendoza said, noting that the government's immediate plans are more than enough to illustrate what Novaliches can become in the foreseeable future."

Mendoza was also quick to point out that Novaliches' location—between Quezon City and Caloocan City—is ideal for residents since it is near shopping malls, and its major areas have more than enough jeepneys and buses plying them.

Development plan

The Quezon City government is putting up the Novaliches Development Authority that will be tasked with overseeing the implementation of socio-economic projects for Novaliches' 16 barangays.

The national government, on the other hand, is set to implement projects that will encourage the growth of the district and provide added employment for its residents. One of its biggest projects is a light railway transit that will traverse Commonwealth Avenue, providing alternative transportation for residents and a much-needed relief for traffic during rush hours.

6 housing estates

Mendoza said the current and future residents of their six housing estates in Novaliches are virtually assured that their subdivisions will also develop in pace with the progress of their surroundings.

At present, residents of Nova Romania, Residenza, Fairway Lane, Villa Alegria, Florence Drive and Grande Vita are enjoying a lifestyle of affordable luxury in well-cared for and landscaped surroundings that is the trademark of Crown Asia subdivisions.

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In Novaliches, they have adapted the Italian and Spanish themes in the said subdivisions. This is mainly due to the topography of the place and the ambience it presents. Just like Florence Drive, which exudes an Italian countryside charm. The Florence model house features a single fireball home with a loft, on a minimum 84-square-meter lot area and a floor area of 44 or 50 square meters. Florence has a toilet and bath, can have as many as three bedrooms and has provisions for a carport, service area and an expanded kitchen.

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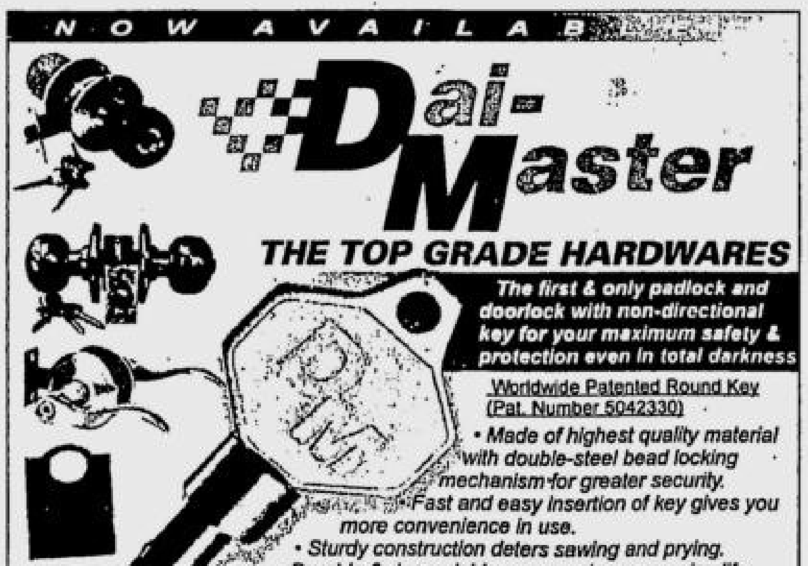

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The gift of life

With 20 cc of his bone marrow, a 6-year-old boy saves his 2-year-old brother from death

BY ROWENA C. BURGOS
PHOTOS BY JOHNNY VILLENA

THE LONG quest had ended. The doctors bent over the grail—Chad Sosoban who was then 4 years old. He lay anesthetized on an operating table at the National Kidney Institute (NKI). A surgeon inserted a 2.5-cm-long needle into the boy's hip and slowly began to withdraw bone marrow. In 20 minutes, she had taken about 20 cc of the viscous red liquid—the stuff of resurrection.

The medical team, composed of Doctors Honorata Baylon, Lena Lopez, Luz del Rosario and Emy Buenaventura, then processed the bone marrow cells and rushed to a room where Chad's 3-month-old brother, Theodore, lay waiting. Through a catheter inserted below the neck, the doctor began feeding Chad's marrow into Theodore's veins. The marrow needed only to drip into the baby's bloodstream. There, like salmon heading home to spawn, the healthy marrow cells would begin to find their way to the bones.

If all went well and rejection did not occur or a major infection set in, the marrow would do the grail's work. It would give life to the baby brother, who otherwise would have died of Severe Combined Immune Deficiency (SCID), a disease where one's immune system is wiped out making his body vulnerable to any invading organism. Doctors rate the chance of survival at 65-78 percent.

In the Philippines, only four patients, including Theodore, have undergone bone marrow transplants. Three were treated for leukemia. Two have died, while Theodore and the other one, who had a transplant two months ago, are alive.

The Sosoban family was launched on a sequence of nervy life-or-death situations two years ago. Theodore's SCID was diagnosed when he was only 3 months old. He suffered from recurrent oral thrush, pneumonia and diarrhea, and had fungus on his scalp, and ringworms.

"At that time, he looked fine and was not even malnourished," says Dr. Alejandro Ortigas, a pediatrician who specializes in allergy, asthma and immunology. In such cases, the patient usually dies within a year unless he receives a marrow transplant.

Teodorico Sosoban, a ship's steward, and Emma Sosoban, a former social worker, did not passively accept their son's fate. Theodore has two siblings and the best hope for him lay with the marrow of his older brother, whose tissue proved compatible.

A marrow transplant represents little risk to the donor. Chad's health was never in danger and he came out of the procedure with only an ache in the hip.

Clueless

Emma had brought Theodore to several doctors who were all clueless about the boy's illness. They just changed his milk brand and gave him various combinations of antibiotics to try to kill the foreign organisms. "One insinuated that we weren't practicing good hygiene and sanitation," says Emma, who admitted she was hurt

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CHAD Sosoban (left) has saved his brother Theodore (right) from death.

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THEODORE and Chad with their parents, Emma and Teodorico

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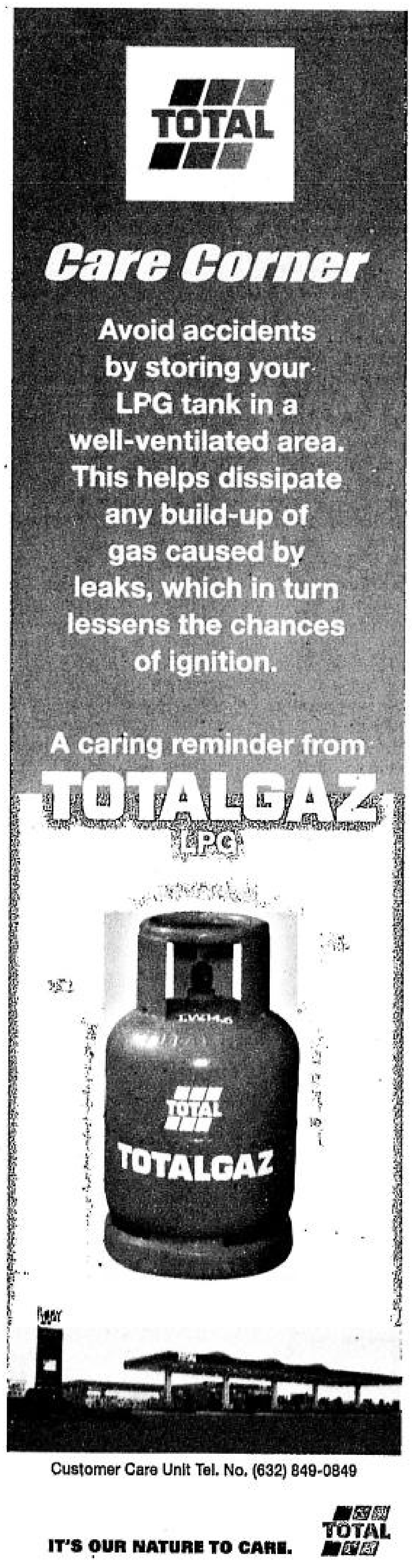
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She sees elves, dead relatives and angels

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Jaime T. Licauco

THE EXPERIENCES of Sally, a longtime human resources executive, are quite common, but they can be disturbing to one unfamiliar with them. As a child, she had an "imaginary" playmate, had gone out of her body many times, even talked to angels in her dreams, saw the spirit of a dead relative and many other psychic manifestations. She said that her strict Protestant and later Catholic education made her close her mind to her psychic gifts.

"When you gave a lecture in our school about psychic surgery many years ago, I walked out of your lecture. I was too narrow-minded then to pay attention. Now I regret all these. I always try to get a copy of the INQUIRER every Tuesday just to read your column. A few months back, I also began listening to your Sunday evening radio program over dzMM. I agree with your point of view and I am very impressed with your balanced, objective and level-headed approach to psychism and spiritual issues.

"Now that I've acquired a broader perspective on spirituality, and, yes, psychic phenomena, I would like to find answers to the following strange events which happened to me:

Imaginary playmates

"As a child I had a hyperactive imagination, or so my elders told me. I had an imaginary playmate named Mary. I used to see small children playing near the big *caimito* tree a few feet from my bedroom window."

I don't think Mary was a product of your imagination. She must be a friendly elf or nature spirit who had befriended you and guided you as a child.

The creatures you saw playing near the tree were not children but a community of elves. They showed themselves to you or you saw them because you have a well-developed clairvoyant vision, popularly known as the third eye.

Whirring sound

"When I was 8 or 9, I was about to fall asleep when I heard a strange whirring sound that got louder and louder. I opened my eyes and was shocked to see up-close what looked like a Chinese altar tapestry in gold, green and red.

"After struggling for a few minutes, I managed to pull myself up to a sitting position. I was breathing heavily and I felt like I had fallen from a great height.

"I also had dreams of floating on the air, sometimes chased by a host of devils who tried to reach for my feet. I always managed to get away, though."

When a person gets out of his physical body (OOBE), he will sometimes hear those strange whizzing or whirring sounds. Sometimes he may even hear sounds of strong winds. These are astral sounds. When you opened your eyes, you were already in the astral plane. Dreams of floating are signs that your astral body is floating. The creatures you saw chasing you are not really bad. They always tease newcomers around and test them. Feelings of having fallen from great heights mean your astral body suddenly went down to enter your physical body. You really came from a great height, but not physically.

Angels with armor of gold

"On the pleasant side, I dreamt of angels on two occasions. The first had brilliant white wings but without arms. At least I didn't see any. He explained that he didn't need any to do his work.

"The second angel wore an armor of gold and purple garments. His wings were brilliant hues of gold. What are they? I always wake up from these dreams with a vivid recollection of what I saw and always felt joyful, calm and protected when this happens. Could they be my angelic guides?"

Definitely yes. Each of us has a spirit guide or a guardian angel. Our spirit guide is usually an evolved spirit with whom we have mutually agreed to guide us. The guardian angel is assigned to us by God at birth. We can have more than one spirit guide depending on our task on earth and on our need. But each is given only one guardian angel.

Vision of dead brother

"Several times I would see wisps of clouds floating near me, or at least, near enough for me to see clearly. These thin clouds would usually form into the shape of a human being, sometimes of normal proposition, but more often, taller than the average person. At times they appear like fireflies flitting around.

"On one occasion I was sure it was my dead brother who paid me a visit. Even our pet spitz acknowledged his presence. I never felt afraid when I witnessed such events. Are these spirits of the dead or spirits from another plane of existence?"

"Are these psychic manifestations? I know that I am a normal, well-adjusted person. I have been a human resources manager for 15 years. I am well liked and respected by my peers and subordinates. I want to have a better understanding of these manifestations."

You are definitely a psychic whose third eye is open. You also have a mediumistic tendency, that's why spirits of the dead come to you to give a message. They want to communicate with their loved ones through you. The cloud-like forms you saw were really spirits of the dead. They sometimes appear as clouds at first before they manifest completely.

I am glad to know you are not afraid of these experiences. There's nothing to fear here. The more you get afraid the more negative spirits will get attracted to you. You can develop these psychic abilities of yours by reading books and attending seminars and talking to people with similar gifts or experiences. You need a support group so you don't feel so strange and alone. There are many nice and normal people, professionals like you, who are also seriously interested in these topics. You should feel lucky to have such psychic gifts. You can use them to help others understand better the world they live in. I believe that the development of our psychic gifts and our inner faculties will be the next phase of human evolution.

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Pharmaceutical firm supports preventive cardiology convention

PREVENTION, concerned experts have long argued, is the best, most sensible and cheapest approach to battling different types of human diseases.

In the field of cardiology, the concept of "preventive cardiology" was recently rediscovered by a group of local doctors and specialists who realized the importance of this previously abandoned aspect of heart disease treatment. Experts believe that the adoption of lifestyle changes and other health measures may protect the heart from disease.

In line with this trend that has lately been recognized by different countries worldwide, a local group called Foundation for Lay Education on Heart Diseases Inc. (FLEHD) has adopted preventive cardiology as a major weapon in fight against cardiovascular diseases (CVD), through public education. FLEHD founding president Dr. Adolfo Bellosillo said public education in the latest developments in cardiovascular care and prevention can successfully raise the awareness of Filipinos in controlling and fighting CVD.

These issues were presented during the First Philippine National Convention on Preventive Cardiology held Aug. 23-24 at Hotel Inter-Continental Makati. The event was made possible by the Department of Health, Department of Education Culture and Sports and the Department of Interior and Local Government. The convention's theme was "Preventive Cardiology: Its Time Has Come."

Dr. Bellosillo, who received his fellowship training in cardiology at the University of Iowa, was also the event's overall chair. The renowned cardiologist has been invited to deliver lectures in international scientific meetings in Moscow, Hong Kong, Cuba, Poland, Iran, Italy and Indonesia. He is a former president of the Philippine Heart Association, president of the 7th World Congress of Cardiac Rehabilitation and Secondary Prevention and founding president of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Society of the Philippines.

He explained that FLEHD targets first-liners such as family physicians, general practitioners and physicians involved in school health, who are handling the bulk of CVD cases, aside from cardiologists. Besides, he said there are only around 300 certified heart doctors in the whole country.

Specific topics included: Hypertension, Smoking and CVD link; Women's Lipids, Hormones and CVD; Medication as a CVD Risk Factor; Hyperhomocysteinemia; Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease; Obesity's Effects on Cardiovascular System and Alternative Medicine.

FLEHD, a faculty of 39 cardiologists and physicians and eight dietitians and nutritionists, was launched on Feb. 22, 2000, with the aims of educating the public on heart diseases in a more patient-friendly manner, targeting audiences as lay members of society and not just experts.

SEATED from left, Nellie Bengzon, Chito Madrigal Collantes, Jose Concepcion, Imelda Cojuangco, and FLEHD president Dr. Adolfo Bellosillo. Standing from left, Dr. Antonio Sibulo Jr., Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo, Johnny Litton, Enrique Sobrepena Jr. and Dr. Ken Villanueva

The Philippines is one of the countries whose mortality rate is still threatened by CVD, and yearly, more citizens acquire illnesses associated with the heart because of risk factors that are still being ignored. Even technological advancements in health care have attempted to conquer CVD, but recent efforts toward prevention have shown more promise in battling these diseases.

"In industrialized countries, a decline in cardiovascular deaths has been recently noted, but only a small part of the decline has been attributed to the development of new forms of medical or surgical treatment. In the US and Australia, a number of factors such as better care for heart attack survivors, reductions in the number of smokers, control of high blood pressure and the adoption of healthier diets since the 1970s have accounted for improved heart disease death rates," Dr. Bellosillo said.

In Japan, meanwhile, he said experts identified the institution of a hypertension control program and marked changes in lifestyle, including diet, as the factors that brought relatively rapid changes in the frequency and the type of CVD, particularly cerebral stroke.

Dr. Bellosillo identified smoking and obesity as risk factors that can easily be overcome through proper education and management.

Obesity is nearing a status as a major risk factor for CVD such as coronary heart disease. Dr. Bellosillo said that obesity involves not only a physical attribute of being fat, but physiologically, an excessive intake of food that translates to elevated cholesterol, triglyceride and sugar levels, which are all involved in the development of atherosclerosis.

"All these excess elements will ultimately get to the heart, in terms of an added burden. The heart has to do extra work, because all of these fat tissues will have to receive adequate blood supply, so it's an overburden to the heart itself, being required to pump more in order to supply the needs of all your excess tissues," Dr. Bellosillo explained.

Aside from diet and exercise as preventive measures, Dr. Bellosillo said some dietary supplements are showing promise in countering the bad effects of risk factors such as obesity. One of these is Exofat Forte, the only natural product derived from marine fibers that works by absorbing excess fat intake thereby preventing fat from being absorbed by the gastrointestinal tract; Exofat Forte can absorb as much as 60 grams of fat per meal.

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St. Luke's celebrates Urology Week

ST. Luke's Medical Center's Department of Surgery-Section of Urology celebrates its 8th Urology Week on Sept. 3-7, with events that include a urology free clinic, postgraduate course, rare case presentation contest and fellowship night. This was announced by Dr. Achilles G. Bartolome, chairman of St. Luke's Department of Surgery.

This year's anniversary focuses on the quality of life of the aging male as the postgraduate course topics tackle a multidisciplinary approach on the benefits of androgen replacement. Speakers include Dr. Jose Albert C. Reyes III, Dr. Theodore B.R. Abas, Dr. Joselynna A. Quimpo, Dr. Florimond A. Garcia, Dr. Antonio N. Tanchuling, Dr. Jesus Benjamin L. Mendoza, Dr. Juliano Z.K. Panganiban and Dr. Jason L. Letran. This year's postgraduate course will be held on Sept. 6, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Medical Center's 2/F conference room.

Call St. Luke's Department of Surgery at 727-5545.

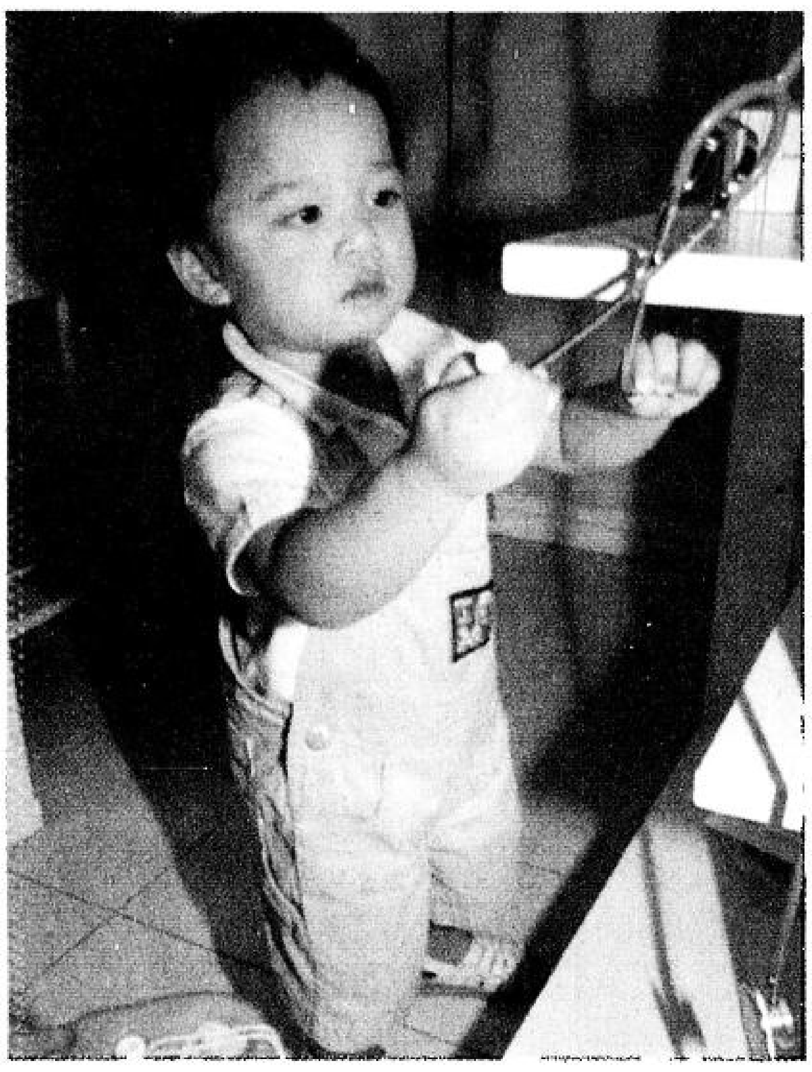
Free digital rectal exam for men

HEALTHWAY Medical Clinics at the Paramount Building on Quintin Paredes Street in Binondo, Manila launches a campaign to care for men's health. Dubbed "It's a man thing!" Healthway, with Schering Plough, is offering free digital rectal exams for men until Aug. 31.

The Digital Rectal Exam (DRE) is used as a screening test for benign prostatic hyperplasia or BPH. According to Dr. Joseph Lee, a urologist at Healthway Medical Clinics in Binondo, BPH is the most common benign tumor found in men. BPH is a non-malignant, excessive growth of prostate cells. This disrupts the normal body function as the urethra, the tube carrying urine from the bladder to the outside world, runs through the prostate. Men beyond the age of 50 are 50 percent more exposed to BPH, while married men are more prone to get BPH than single males.

BPH symptoms can be divided into two categories: obstructive symptoms include the need to strain during the urination and a weak or intermittent stream. Irritable symptoms include an increased frequency of urination, an urgent need to urinate, and pain or irritation when urinating.

No connection has been proven between BPH and prostate cancer, but men with symptoms of BPH should consult a doctor to get an appropriate diagnosis and treatment. Treatment may vary depending on the symptoms.



A BUBBLY Theodore Sosoban

The gift of life

(From page C1)

by what the doctor had said that she didn't see her anymore. Another even insulted her by refusing to give Theodore an immunization shot, saying she couldn't afford her fee.

But for Emma and her husband, these were just problems they had to deal with and get through. Before Theodore was born, their 5-month-old daughter, Katrina Janine, suffered from similar infections and died.

"A mother who took a proactive stance," as Dr. Ortigas describes the adamant Emma, she went to the Philippine General Hospital where she met Dr. Emy Buenaventura who diagnosed Theodore with SCID, a rare congenital disease that infects only one in 200,000. He was put in reverse isolation together with his mother at the NKI where he was given more laboratory tests.

"In Theodore's case, it's a recessive gene. It means that since his late sister had it, it's possible that their parents each carry a rare gene which, when combined, their children would surely inherit. This is why genetic counseling for couples is important," Dr. Ortigas says.

Miracle

In medicine, survival is so much an accident of time. Had he been diagnosed with SCID a few years earlier, the disease would most likely have been terminal. The chances of survival have improved but more progress still has to be made.

After the bone marrow transplant, Theodore received an infusion of gamma globulin, a component of blood serum which contains various antibodies, every month for one year. "We stopped the infusion to see if his immune system would work. There was a sign that it was already working because it started producing cells and some antibodies. If his immune system produces enough antibodies, then he's cured," Dr. Ortigas says.

After his confinement at the NKI, which caused the Sosobans P750,000, Theodore and his mom lived in an apartment in Pasig for four months, away from their family in Makati. The boy's parents were told to be careful. If someone sneezed on him, it could provoke an infection. Every other day, Theodore was brought to the hospital for a complete blood count. He could not go to crowded places. He could only drink mineral or sterilized water. His hands were constantly washed with alcohol. He took daily baths with Selsun Blue for an hour.

Since March of this year, he has not been ill. "I think his immune system has been reconstituted. But there's one more test he has to pass before he can do things that any normal kid does," says Dr. Ortigas, who has served both as Theodore's advocate and friend.

The drama of the Sosobans was a miracle—a visitation of grace. "All our sacrifices paid off. I didn't mind writing requests for donations and delivering them personally to Malacauang, the Senate and the House as long as there was hope for my son to be cured of his illness," says Emma. "It's a bittersweet victory for the Sosobans," Dr. Ortigas says.

CHAD Sosoban

Theodore Sosoban is now a radiant 2-year-old. Whatever strength the disease took out of him, he has gotten it back many times in satisfaction. Day by day, he's getting his life back. And his brother Chad made medical history to give him the liveliness he now enjoys.

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The thrill of slot car racing

FASTRAX president and general manager Alan Dacanay presents the trophy, plaque and F1 hat to Enzo Pineda, Group 10 GTP champion.

GROUP 20 RACE WINNERS. Dino del Castillo, first runner-up; Eric Pineda, champion, and Nes del Castillo, second runner-up

TODAY'S shopping mall landscape has evolved into an exciting and wholesome activity venue for families. At the Alabang Town Center, for instance, one can see father-and-son tandems and other game enthusiasts trooping to the Fastrax Raceway and Pitstop Café to take part in slot car racing.

Slot car racing has been around since the '60s. It's not only a form of entertainment for young and old, it also serves as a bonding experience between parent and child.

Alan Dacanay, president and general manager of Fastrax and an avowed slot car enthusiast of Roar Slot Car in Quezon City in the '60s, notes that there are skills involved in slot car racing. A slot car racer has to have the driving skill to control speed and traction on the race track. At Fastrax, players let 1/24 slot cars zoom on an eight-lane, 155-ft computerized track complete with lap timer and counter," designed by the world-famous Canadian professional Rack manufacturer Steve Ogilvie.

On Saturdays and Sundays, Fastrax is packed with fathers sharing with their kids the hobby they grew up with. For a rental fee of P100 for every 30 minutes, a player gets access to a controller and car of his choice.

For those who are serious about the hobby, classes in slot car racing are also offered.

Fastrax carries a complete line of ready-to-run cars, controllers, chassis kits, motors, motor and chassis parts and scale bodies. They also provide technical and repair services. The 1/24 scale model slot cars come with various motors and technical specifications.

Fastrax is at the 2/L Alabang Town Center. It is open on Sundays to Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., and Thursdays to Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 a.m.

FASTRAX racers Dino del Castillo, Eric Pineda, Nes del Castillo, Dodo Lee, Enzo Pineda and Nino Crisostomo

Trade show on fitness and leisure products

MANUFACTURERS, bulk buyers, suppliers and distributors of different types of sports, fitness and leisure products will have something to look forward to next year.

FIT International, a division of Leverage International (Consultants), is organizing an international trade show called FIT International Sports, Fitness and Leisure Show, which will be held on May 23-26, 2002 at the World Trade Center.

It will feature products used in all team and individual sports like archery, football, tennis, swimming and basketball.

Also to be showcased are fitness apparel/footwear, equipment for medical rehabilitation, fitness and health clubs, fitness machines and equipment, nutritional food supplements and sports nutrition and drinks.

The leisure aspect of the show will cover boat-building materials, boathouse and marina equipment, camping and garden furniture, cruise lines, engines and onboard instruments/electronic navigation, tents and accessories, travel and leisure items, and yachts and motorboats.

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WHEELCHAIR marathon

...THE ROTARY Club of Manila Bay!

Yes boys and girls, our beloved RCMB garnered a total of nine rewards for RY 2000-2002. A true testament indeed to the very able leadership of President Tony Moncupa and the hard work of all members. Three cheers and a few round of beers for our RCMB!

The District Awards Night was held last June 30 at the Century Park Hotel. The affair was hosted by RC Bagumbayan and led by DG Charoy Marquez, who by the way had just arrived that morning from the R.I. Convention in San Antonio, Texas. DG Charoy reported on the numerous record breaking achievements of our district as well as the several awards given him by R.I. President Frank Devlin. Most notable of DG Charoy's accomplishments are the addition of 22 new clubs boosting District 3810's total to 78 member clubs; and producing the highest number of Paul Harris fellows, besting perennial winners from Japan, Korea, Taiwan and the United States.

Our very own RCMB received the following awards from Rotary International:

- **Public Relations Award** (Wheelchair Marathon)

  - for outstanding achievement in promoting awareness and understanding of Rotary through a public relations campaign.

- **21st Century Challenge Award** (Six new members)

  - in recognition of its membership achievement for the Rotary Year 2000-2001

- **Rotary Foundation Certification of Merit**

  - in grateful recognition for the contribution, support, and participation to the programs of the Rotary Foundation.

- **2000-2001 Presidential Citation Merit** (Wheelchair Marathon)

  - in grateful recognition of the club accomplishments in creating awareness and taking action in the club, community and the world.

From DG Charoy and the District 3810, RCMB was recognized (with nice trophies) for the following achievements:

- Outstanding Service to the District Award
- Excellence in Community Service, Governor's Citation for Community Improvement Project
- Excellence in Community Service, Best in Project for the Disabled
- Governor's Leadership Award to President Tony
- Best Rotaract Club

Attending the awards night were RCMBayers VP Laz, then PE now President Jackie, director Danie, PP Mark with Ann Mylene and their two lovely daughters, and Sec. Gen. Benjie Ros. Towards the end, VP Laz was complaining about the numerous trips to the stage to receive our awards. Perhaps he needed another serving of the sumptuous laureate that all enjoyed.

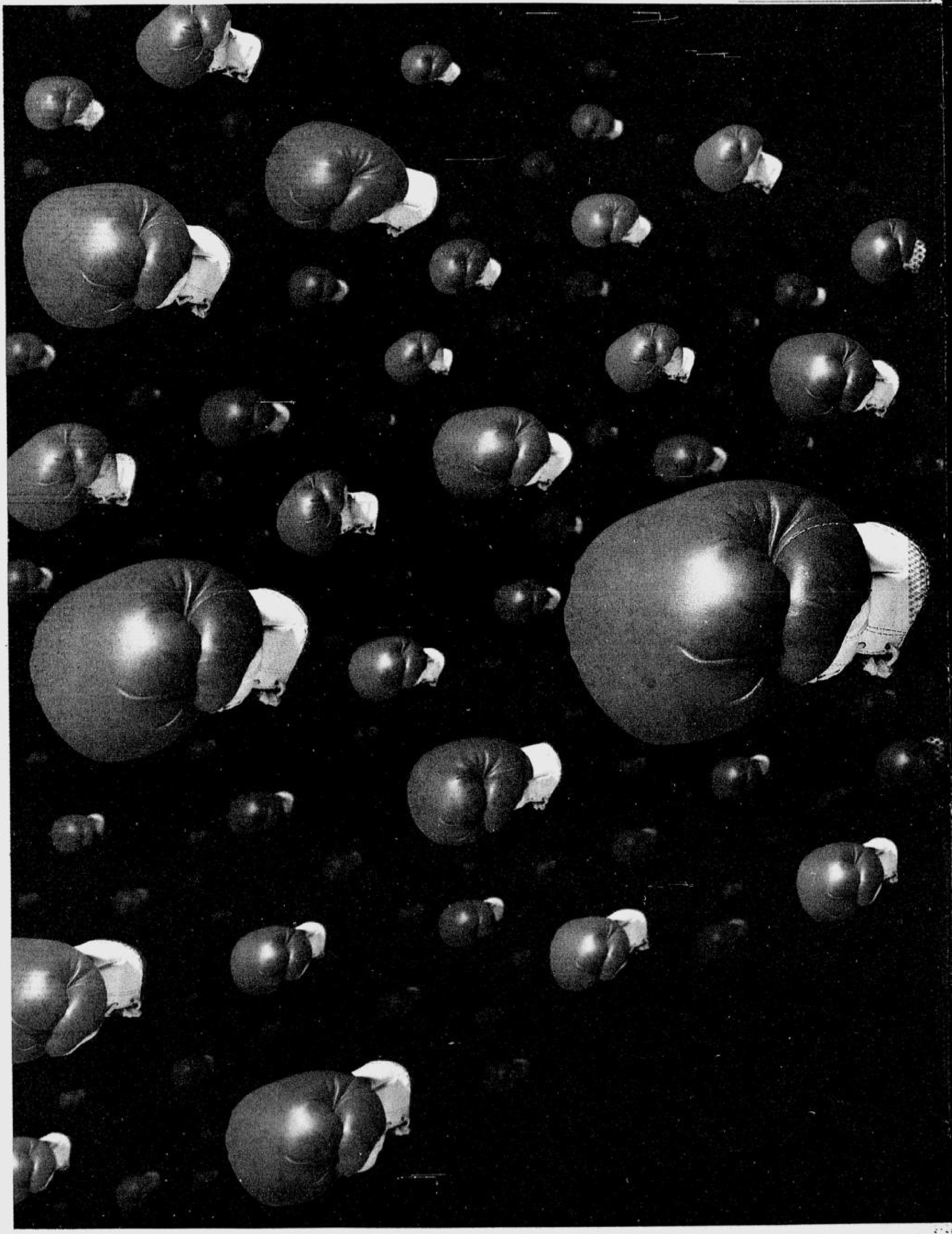
More power to RCMB. May we achieve greater heights in President Jackie's term.

Avenues of service

I. CLUB SERVICE
  1. Club Fellowship
    - IO KTV Sing Along
    - Get Together at Diva
    - Get Together at Vincent's Pub
    - Family Christmas Day
    - Post Valentine's Fellowship
    - Fellowship at Café Astoria
  2. Co-hosted Monday Night Fellowship with RC San Miguel Manila and RC Tondo, Manila at Casino Espaniol Manila Last Nov. 13, 2000
  3. Alay Lakad with RAC Manila Bay
  4. Sports Fellowship
    - Golf Hosting Participation, 2nd Leg Governor's Cup
    - Bowling, fielding of one team
  5. Team Building
    - Gotcha!
  6. Awarding and recognition to project chairmen of various projects
  7. Club bulletin
    - Regular publication of weekly bulletin "Dalampasigan"

II. VOCATIONAL SERVICE
  1. Plant Visit – Integrated Microcomputer Inc., Cabuyao, Laguna
  2. Rotary Volunteers in Action – Pres. Tony Moncupa in coordination with the Bankers' Association of the Philippines and the Philippine Association of Collegiate Schools of Business
  3. Career Guidance – Professional Executive Training Seminar

III. COMMUNITY SERVICE
  1. Tulong sa Payatas – relief operation
  2. Tree Planting – Antipolo
  3. Medical/Dental Mission – Brgy. Obrero, Tondo, Manila
  4. The Haven – shelter for battered women
  5. Literacy Promotion – distribution of 400 reading booklets from the Takayama Foundation to the street children of Pasig
  6. Health & Nutrition – "No More Walls, No More Chains," provided medicine to the special children of The Servants of Charity
  7. Mga Batang KSP – a day with the street children of Pasig in coordination with NBC's Angels on the Road
  8. Vitamin A Supplementation – beneficiaries: 4,705 Grade I pupils



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MESSAGES

CIVIL society plays a definite role in rebuilding our economy and healing our nation. An important part of this role is setting an example for constructive participation in governance and complementing the limited resources of the government in delivering cost-effective services to the greatest number of our countrymen.

This is the challenging role that socio-civic organizations like the Rotary Clubs are called to play in this crucial period of our history. As empowered citizens of the land, your noble goal to help nurture a progressive and humane society is what we need to translate the gains of the recent people power revolution into equal opportunities for development for all.

In view of this, I greet the Rotary Club of Manila Bay on the occasion of your 7th Induction and 6th Anniversary Night. Accept my commendation for a job well done in contributing to the betterment of your community, as well as my challenge for you to build upon your achievements under a new leadership.

Congratulations to the new officers! *Mabuhay kayong lahat!*

GMArroyo

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President, Republic of the Philippines

MY PROFOUND congratulations to the officers and members of Rotary Club of Manila Bay on your 7th Induction Ceremony on Aug. 28, 2001 at NBC Tent Fort Bonifacio.

We are, indeed, honored for having socio-civic organizations like yours, which have proven their unrelenting commitment and dedication to serve our fellow Manilans through worthy programs and projects.

The City of Manila wishes you more power and success as you continue your noble endeavors. We commend your initiatives in implementing myriad service-oriented projects. May you continue to provide outstanding public service for the benefit of our fellow Filipinos, especially the needy.

We join you in this noble cause.
Mabuhay!

LITO ATIENZA
Mayor, City of Manila

I TAKE great pride and pleasure in extending my warmest greetings to Rotary Club of Manila Bay as it holds its induction ceremonies.

During 2001-02, I am asking all Rotarians to conduct the business of Rotary by working to meet the ever-growing needs for Rotary Service in our communities and our world. To accomplish this goal, it is essential that we continue to bring in new members, specially those individuals who are seeking a way to use their talents and experiences to help others.

This year, I would like to place special emphasis on the following key issues:

- Increasing Rotary's membership by bringing in members and sponsoring new clubs;
- Improving education and training for Rotarians as well as club leaders;
- Enhancing our public image in the community and throughout the world; and
- Developing and improving clubs.

The dedication of Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians in support of these key issues will ensure a future for Rotary that is bright with possibilities. In declaring that Mankind is our Business, make a commitment to all of humanity—a commitment that will ultimately transform the lives of those who need Rotary's humanitarian service and those of us who are privileged to offer it.

With warm regard.

RICHARD D. KING
R.I. President 2001-2002

ALLOW me to convey my warmest felicitations to the officers and members of the Rotary Club of Manila Bay on its Induction Ceremonies for Rotary year 2001-2002.

The Rotary Club of Manila Bay has been a bulwark of humanitarian service during the past Rotary year. Your selfless dedication in providing assistance to our needy brethren made your presence felt in your community. I commend Mega President Tony Moncupa and his team for steering the club to greater heights.

My best wishes go to Eagle President Jackie Cruz and the new set of officers and directors of the Rotary Club of Manila Bay. I am confident that this Eagle Team could address the important issues of membership development, Rotary's public image, Rotary education and training, and club development and improvement.

Rotary clubs and the individual Rotarians who serve are the source of the good that Rotary accomplishes in the world. It is through dedicated, committed leaders at the club level that Rotarians are inspired and given the opportunity to fully participate in service through Rotary. May the Rotary Club of Manila Bay continue to render valuable assistance and demonstrate that "Mankind is our Business."

God bless and *mabuhay!*

RODOLFO "RUDY" S. ESTRELLADO
District Governor, RY 2000-2001

GREETINGS!

I wish to congratulate Rotary Club of Manila Bay on the occasion of its Club Induction Ceremonies on Aug. 28, 2001.

I would like to wish my President Jackie Cruz and his team all the best. I am sure that with his proper training, preparation and able leadership, he will take all concrete action towards the achievement of Rotary Club of Manila Bay's goals, and make this Rotary year another banner year of Rotary service.

Congratulations to IPP Tony Moncupa for his sterling leadership and steering the club into greater heights last Rotary Year 1999-2000.

My spouse Evelyn and I hope and pray for our continued success as we together start in the new millennium a proactive way of Rotary service by Creating Awareness and Taking Action, after all, "Mankind is our Business."

Mabuhay kayong lahat!

IPDG RICHARD "CHAROY" M. MARQUEZ
District Governor, RY 2000-2001
R.I. District 3810

GREETINGS!

Today, we formally celebrate another milestone. The Rotary Club of Manila Bay is seven years old. President Jackie and his team take over the reigns of leadership of a club that continues to be filled with vigor and enthusiasm. I am sure that we, the members of the RCMB, take pride in helping shape this vibrant organization welded by the ideals of service and friendship.

Our anniversary, turnover and induction ceremonies have always been an occasion to celebrate our accomplishments and a sendoff to the challenges of the new Rotary year. But more than that, it is an opportunity to reaffirm our collective commitment to help build a better world while we give each other strength through friendship and fellowship.

Our past missteps are a source of strength, our accomplishments a wellspring of confidence. And with the guidance from our district, we anticipate another fruitful year under the leadership of President Jackie and his board of directors. Congratulations!

Yours in Rotary,

IPP TONY MONCUPA JR.

GREETINGS to all my fellow Rotarians, guests and friends to the 7th Induction and 6th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Manila Bay.

This year's R.I. theme "Mankind is Our Business" wishes to address the problems and conflicts of the disadvantaged sectors of our society. It is our business to be more responsive, consistent, credible and innovative in our efforts of providing service through improved communication and proper networking with the different agencies concerned. Service knows no boundaries. With this in mind, we hope to conduct several programs to further raise the level of consciousness of people from all walks of life through realizable projects.

The possibilities for worthwhile projects are endless. Rotarians not only have great ideas about how to help in need, but together they have the power to make these work. Whatever we do, Rotarians know how to have fun, make friends, and make the world a little better in the process. Remember "Rotary is fun!"

To the men and women of RCMB, especially to the dedicated charter officers, council of past presidents, officers and members, thank you very much for your cooperation and support in staging this momentous event. Do not forget that all of us are, in one way or another, stakeholders, therefore, we should be unfailing in fulfilling our social responsibilities. Moreover, I am extending my sincerest gratitude for the valuable support of the sponsors, friends and respective families in helping us carry out the induction concert. Thank you all for being RCMB's partners in service.

Let us increasingly work jointly for the effectiveness and efficiency of Rotary. May this year inspire all to continuously create awareness and take action in our clubs, our communities, and throughout the world! Soar to new heights for the Eagle Awards! We can make it happen.

PRESIDENT "JACKIE" V. CRUZ JR.
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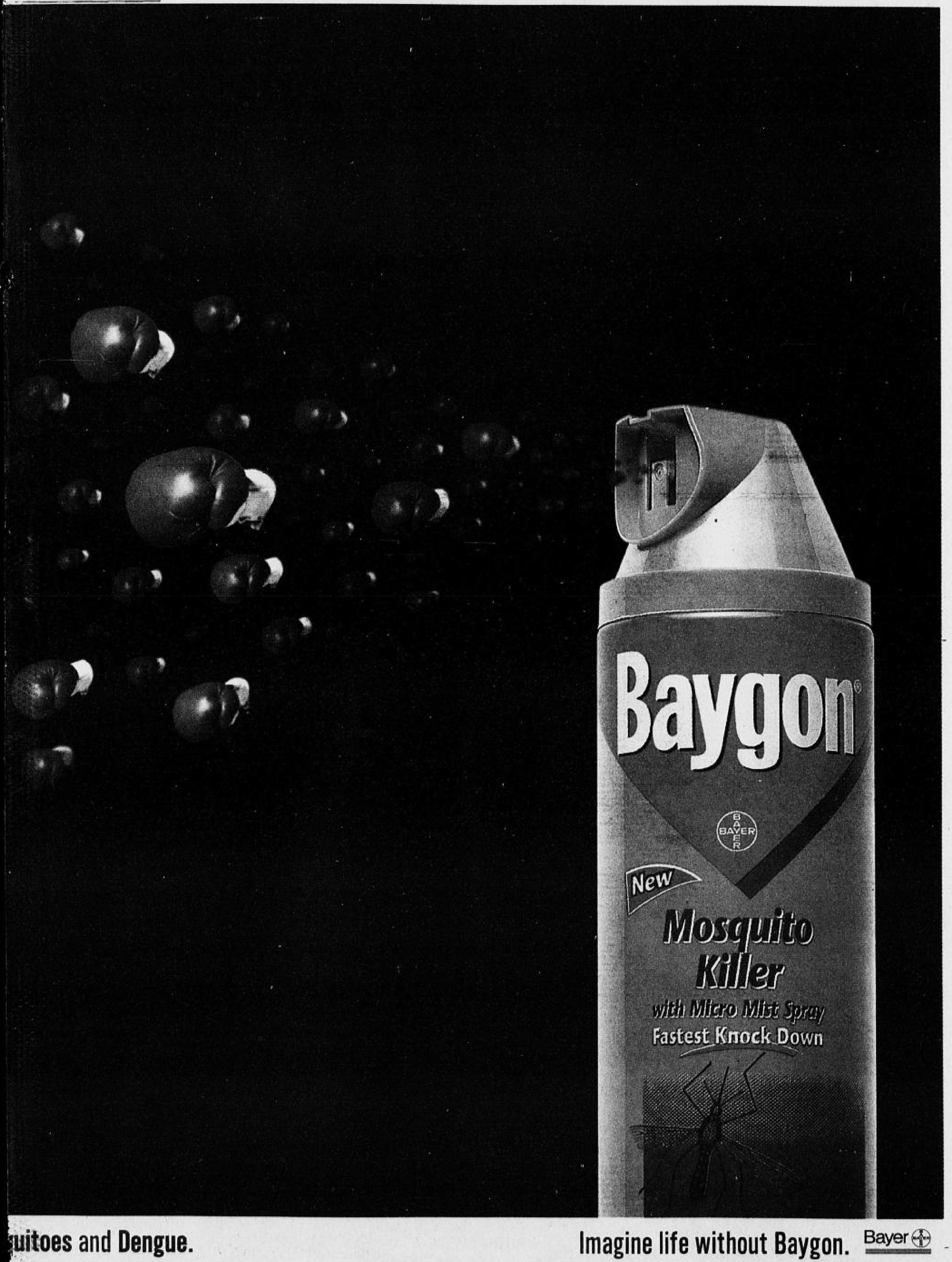

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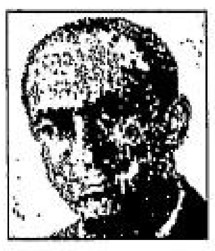

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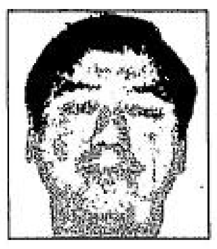

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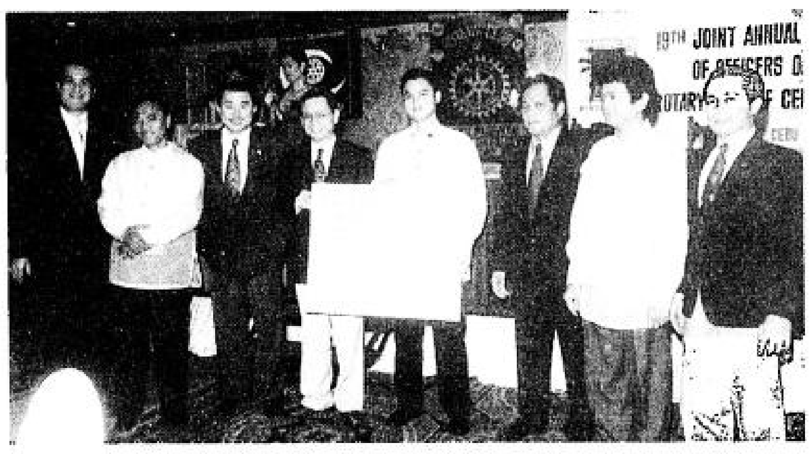

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THE SAN Pedro Laguna Triathlon Team and the Unified Sports Association (USA) of Laguna, led by one of RP's strongest triathletes Abelardo "Abet" Alon-Alon, will compete in the 13th Macau Triathlon Championship (Asian Cup Series) in Macau, China on Sept. 2. The other members of the team are Alvino Alindogan, Mauro "Mao" Gonzales" and Romel "Jing" Anchoriz. The triathlon team bagged the championship crown of the National Triathlon Trial (NTT) that entitled them to represent the Philippines in Macau.

Early bird rate for AME confab

THE ASSOCIATION of Marketing Educators (AME), in cooperation with Mansmith and Fielders, will be offering special rates for early registrants for the "Strategic Marketing Conference on Consumer Behavior" on Oct. 4 and 5 at the AIM Conference Center. Early birds can save up to P2,000 by signing up before the Aug. 31 deadline. The theme for this year's conference is "Marketing Models for Cost Effective Decision Making." For more information call 893-6459 and 892-3261.

RVR Center launches SEA seminar

THE RAMON V. del Rosario, Sr. Center for Corporate Responsibility of the Asian Institute of Management, through its CV Starr Chair in Corporate Governance in Asia, will be holding a series of regional seminars on the indicators of corporate governance, with presentations by professors Romulo L. Neri and Gracia S. Ugut. The seminar, which was held last Aug. 10 at the Shangri-La Hotel, Makati City will also be conducted in Jakarta on Aug. 30. For inquiries, call RVR Center Secretariat at 750-1010 local 2139 or 752-1257.

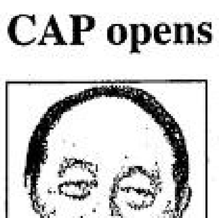
PowerTrends 2001 moved

POWERTRENDS 2001, the biennial international exhibition on new trends in energy and power engineering originally scheduled on Sept. 25 to 27 has been moved to Dec. 5 to 7 to coincide with this year's observance of Energy Week. The trade show will be held at the World Trade Center, Metro Manila. The Department of Energy has continued to endorse PowerTrends 2001 as the official international exhibition for the energy and power sector. PowerTrends will be held concurrently with PowerTech Business Forum 2001, the fifth international business forum on power and energy development. The trade show also incorporates New & Renewable Energy 2001 Philippines, the international exhibition on new and renewable energy; and Electec 2001 Philippines, the international technology exhibition on electrical, electrotechnical engineering, and lighting technology. Get in touch with Elizabeth Cruz or Robert Sanchez at (632) 818-6828 or e-mail lvrge@netasia.net for more details.

Superkalan SK Kompre promo

IN its bid to reach out to a wider market, SuperKalan Gaz Corp. has recently launched a promo that offers a big discount when buying a SuperKalan Gaz Kompre Set. The "SK Kompre Set Buy and Save" promo offers savings of as much as P360 for every purchase of the cooking Kompre Set. From P1250, the set is now available at P890. The SuperKalan Kompre Set promo is available in all SuperKalan Gaz Corp. dealers only. Call 838-6883 or 849-0991 for inquiries. Promo is good until Aug. 31 only.

CAP opens symposia series

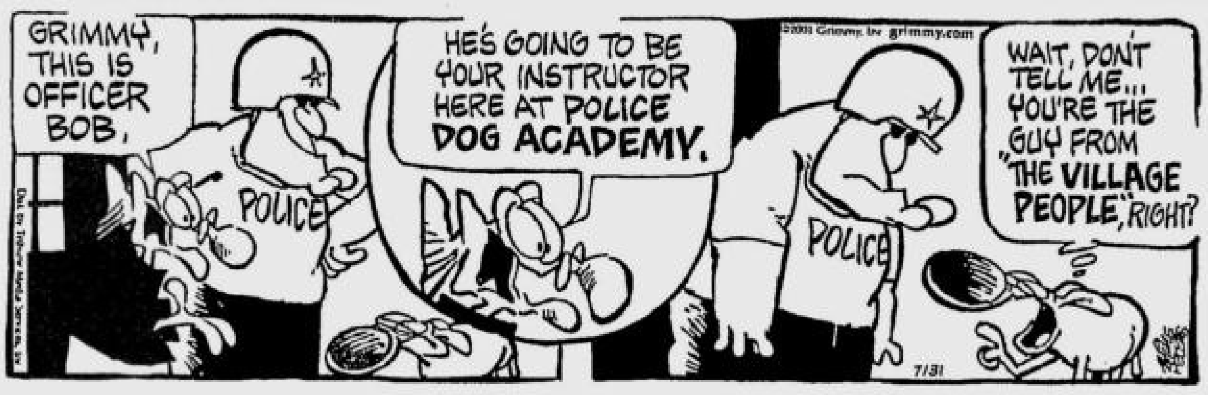


SOBREPEÑA

COLLEGE Assurance Plan's (CAP) president and CEO Lawyer Enrique A. Sobrepeña, Jr. announces the opening of CAP's annual symposia series for 2001. A tradition that started with the launching of the President Osmena Forum on Values in September 1985, the CAP Symposia are an annual series of discussions wherein timely and relevant topics are presented by selected speakers to lend their insights and expertise in an effort to enlighten the public and to generate involvement especially among the youth.

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS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HE'S GOING TO BE YOUR INSTRUCTOR HERE AT POLICE DOG ACADEMY.
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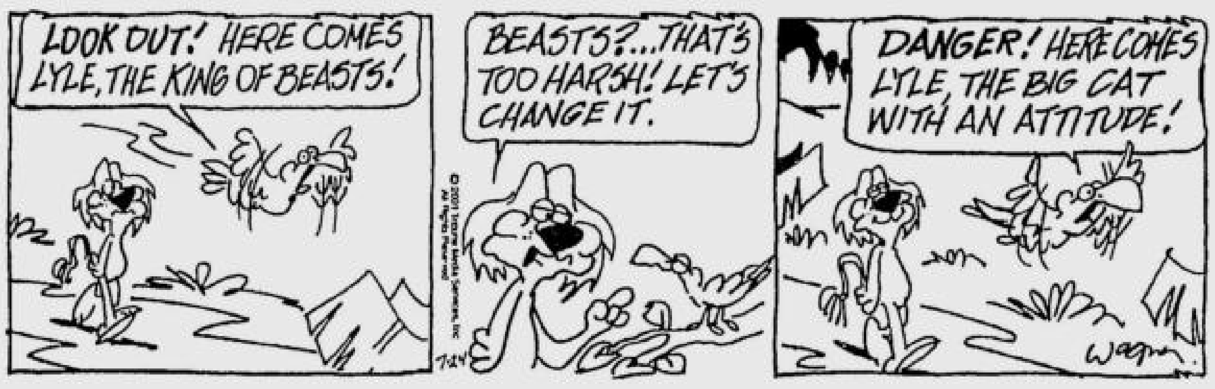
ANIMAL CRACKER

BY FRED WAGNER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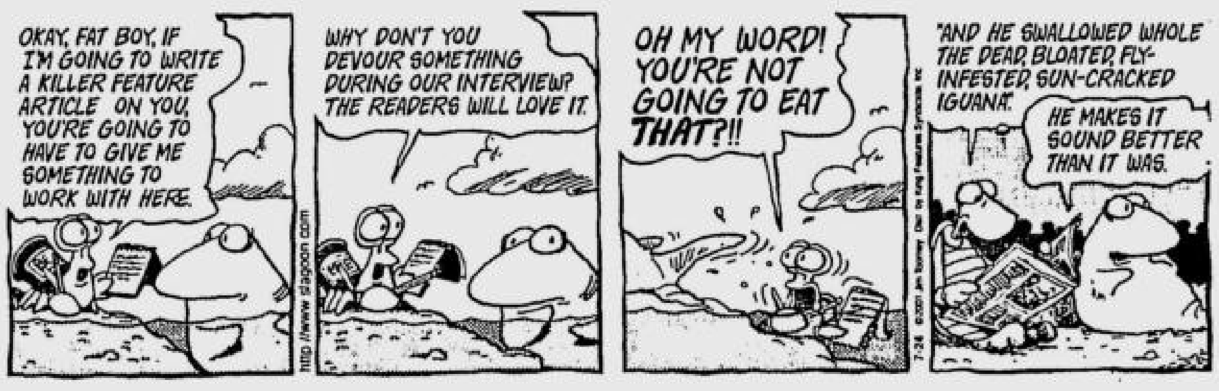
SHERMAN'S LAGOON

BY JIM TOOMEY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WHY DON'T YOU DEVOUR SOMETHING DURING OUR INTERVIEW? THE READERS WILL LOVE IT.
OH MY WORD! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO EAT THAT?!!
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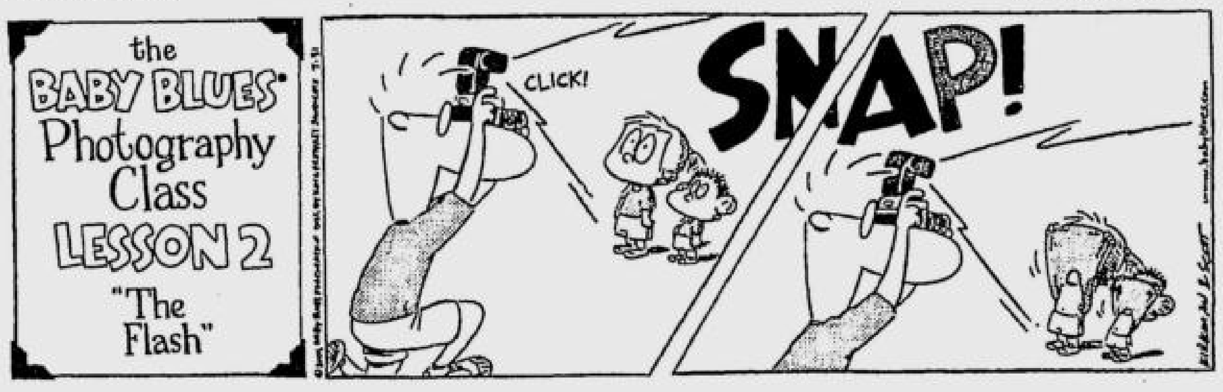
"AND HE SWALLOWED WHOLE THE DEAD, BLOATED, FLY-INFESTED, SUN-CRACKED IGUANA."
HE MAKES IT SOUND BETTER THAN IT WAS.

BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


the BABY BLUES Photography Class LESSON 2 "The Flash"
CLICK!
SNAP!

HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Emma Samms, Jason Priestley, Daniel Stern, Richard Sanders, Ben Gazzara, Lou Piniella

Happy Birthday: This is a great year to move into fast forward and gather up all the loose ends left dangling. Position yourself well to reap the rewards that you've been striving for. Living in the past isn't an option. It's time to show everyone how with it you really are. Your numbers: 17, 22, 26, 29, 35, 37

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Travel will be tiring but lucrative. Don't sign contracts until you have gone over them thoroughly. The odds of getting what you want are better if you deal directly with the boss.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Arguments will prevail. Your lover may disappoint you in such a way that estrangement will follow. Be cautious in making personal decisions about legal or contractual matters. Time is on your side.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Business partnerships can be prosperous. Alterations to your living quarters will bring greater comfort. Make special plans for you and your lover.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can make career gains by employing your talents on those innovative ideas. Become involved in projects that will give you freedom and lead to friendships.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Spend some time pampering yourself. It may be costly and your partner may not approve, but your state of mind will improve.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will be pressed for time if you have made too many promises to too many people. Family members will be disappointed if you take them for granted when they most need help.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your ability to see both sides of an issue will help keep things harmonious in group encounters. Changes and busy activities at home will cause fatigue. Be sure to get some rest.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may have a greater concern for older family members. Try to help straighten out their personal papers. You will have a tendency to over-react to personal situations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may make a mistake at work unless you get all the facts before making a decision. The best results will come from business travel. Don't get involved in other people's problems.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Sudden changes in partnerships will come as a surprise. It's likely that things are going on behind your back. Quiet action is the best revenge.

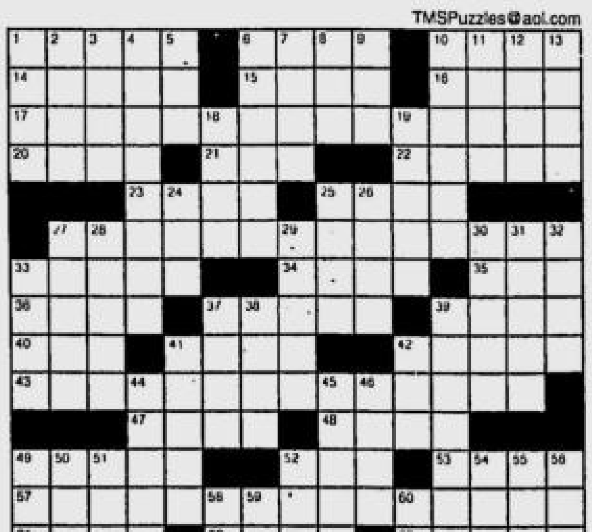
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Interact with those in high positions and present your ideas. Take the initiative to get ahead. Don't hesitate to take a stance on your future.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Tension at home should be expected if you haven't been spending enough time with your mate. Overtime and extra activities have upset your partner more than you realized.

Birthday Baby: You are hard-working, trustworthy and quick to take advantage of any opportunity. You know what you want and will be persistent until you are successful.

DAILY CROSSWORD

TMSPuzzles@aol.com



By Philip J. Anderson
Portland, OR

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33 Sully
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8 __ humbug!
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25 Solidifies
26 Follow orders
27 Buy time
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29 Minor prophet
30 WWW messages
31 Divided into sectors
32 Israeli Abba
33 Broad, thick piece
37 Flourish vigorously
38 Food scraps
39 Behind closed doors
41 Railroad switch
42 Sleeve card?
44 Holiday decoration
45 Latest
46 Hair colorist
49 Chelsea carriage
50 Hold sway
51 Adam's grandson
52 Historic tale
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55 Plummet
56 Fringe group
58 Pixie
59 Extinct bird
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PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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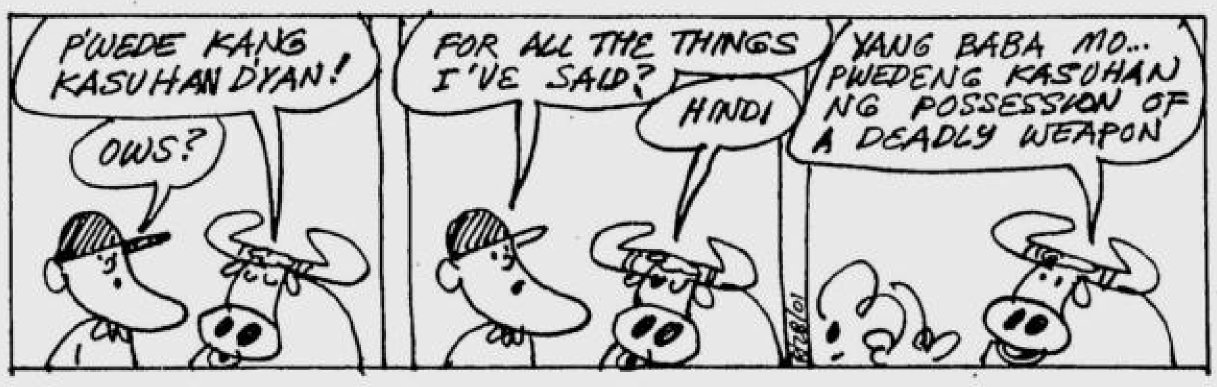
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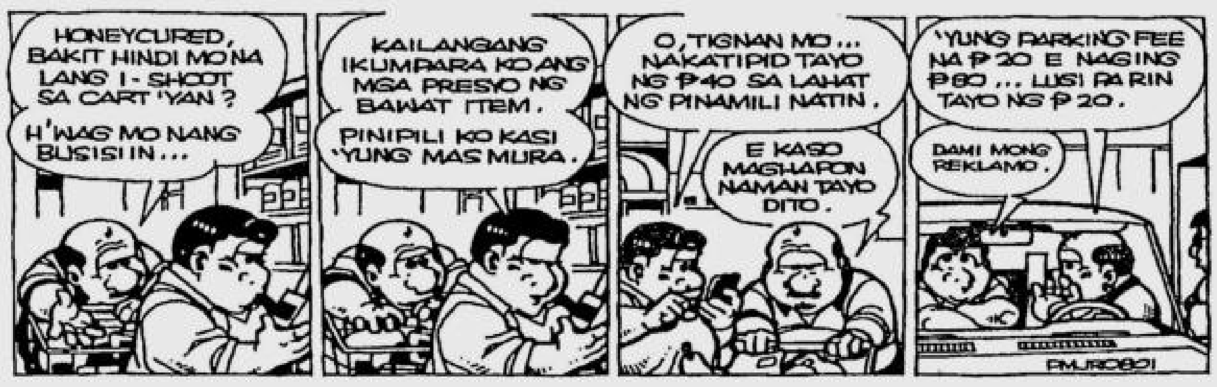
PUGAD BABOY

BY P.M. JUNIOR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E KASO MAGHAPON NAMAN TAYO DITO.
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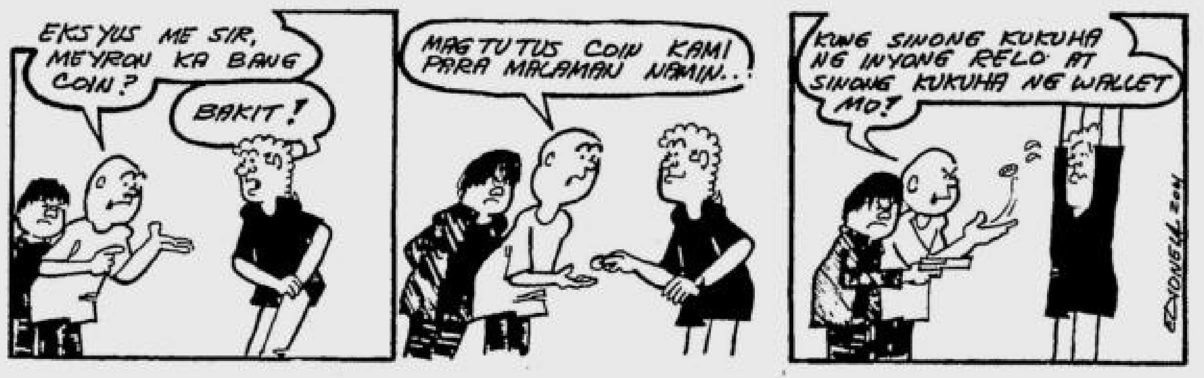
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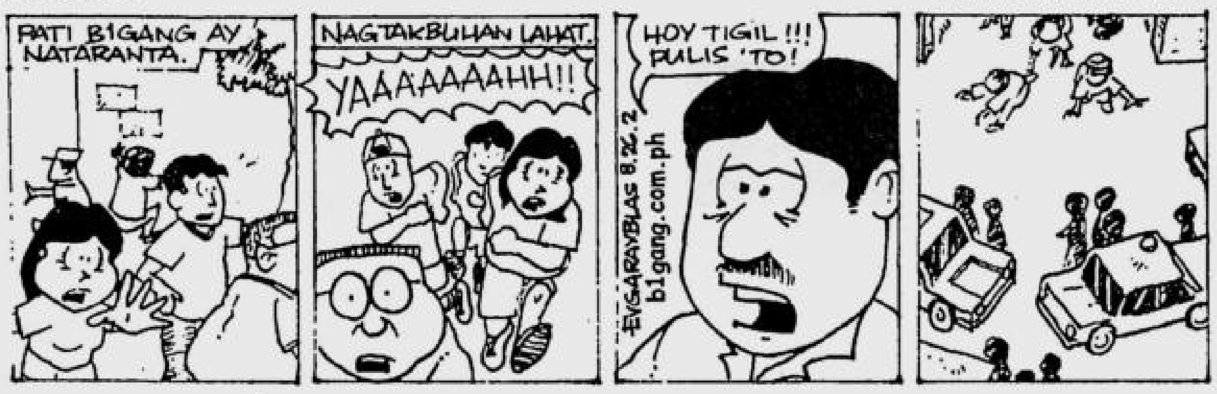
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BEN

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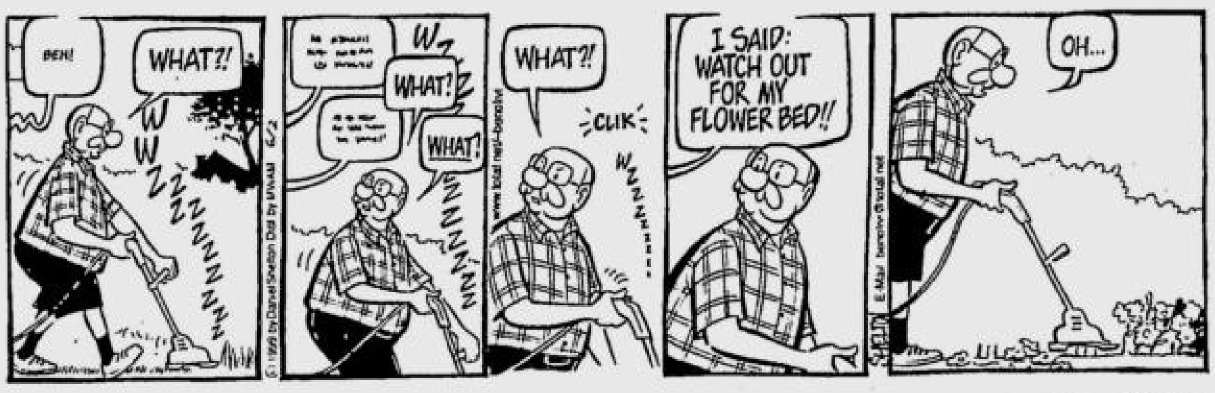
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MUTTS

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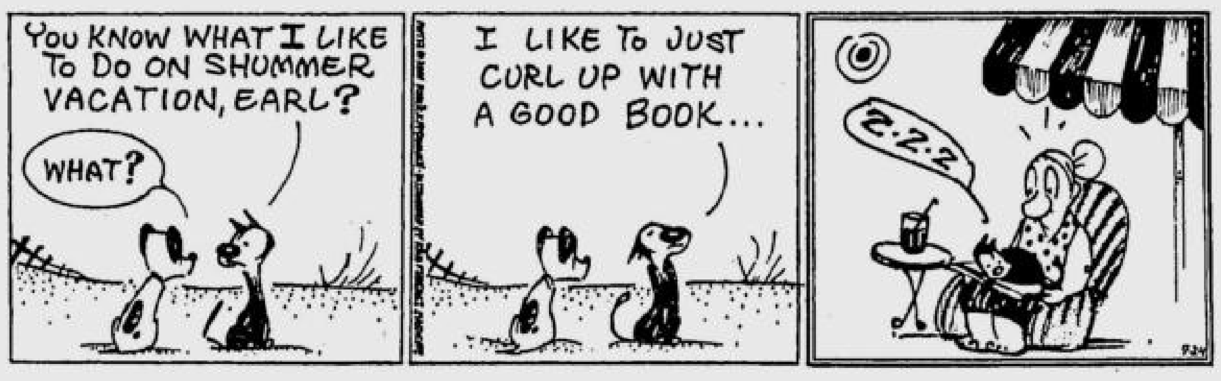
YOU KNOW WHAT I LIKE TO DO ON SHUMMER VACATION, EARL?
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I LIKE TO JUST CURL UP WITH A GOOD BOOK...
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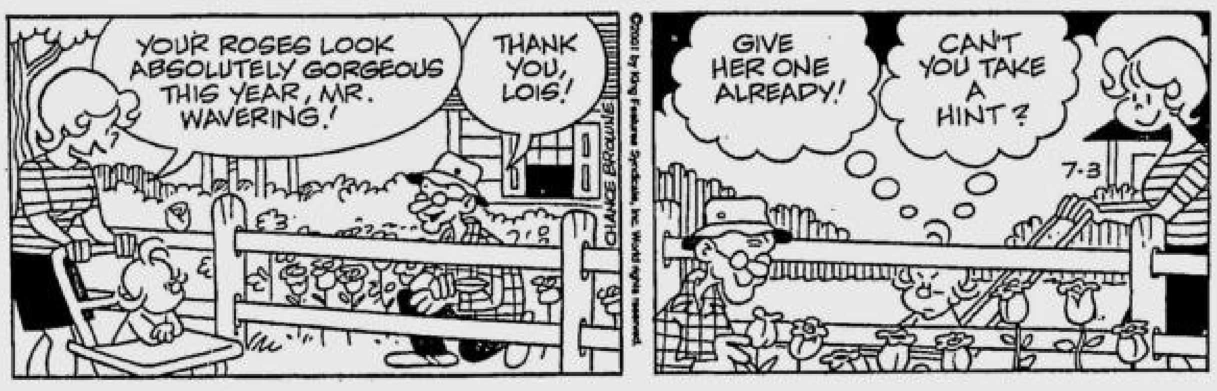
HI AND LOIS

BY BRIAN & GREG WALKER


YOUR ROSES LOOK ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS THIS YEAR, MR. WAVERING!
THANK YOU, LOIS!
CHANCE BROWNE
GIVE HER ONE ALREADY!
CAN'T YOU TAKE A HINT?
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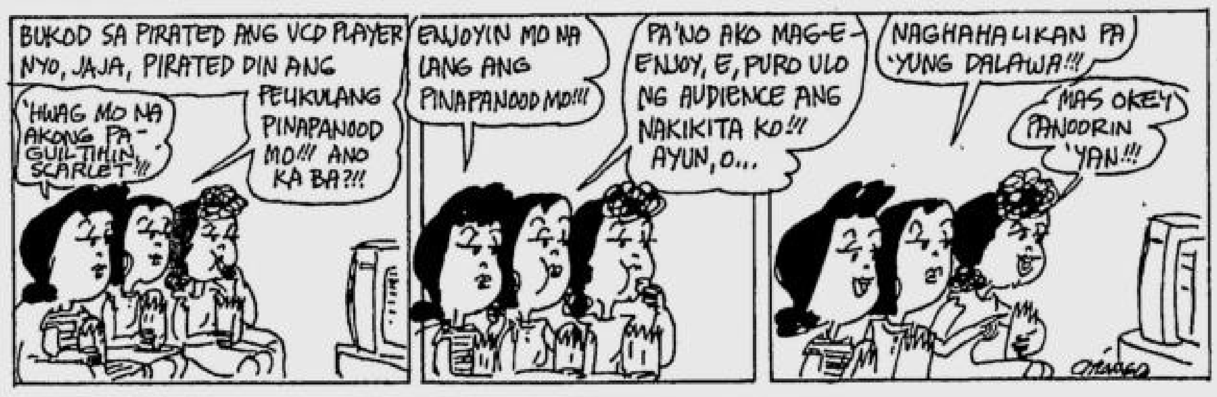
LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO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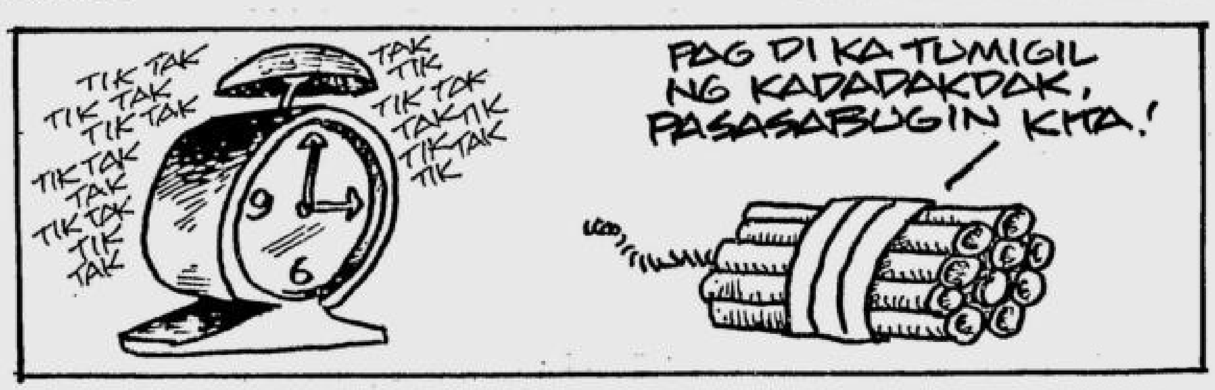
ENJOYIN MO NA LANG ANG PINAPANOOD MO!!!
PA'NO AKO MAG-E-ENJOY, E, PURO ULO NG AUDIENCE ANG NAKIKITA KO!!! AYUN, O...
NAGHAHALIKAN PA 'YUNG DALAWA!!!
MAS OKEY PANOORIN 'YAN!!!

TULDOK

BY PAPU & TATUM MILAMBILING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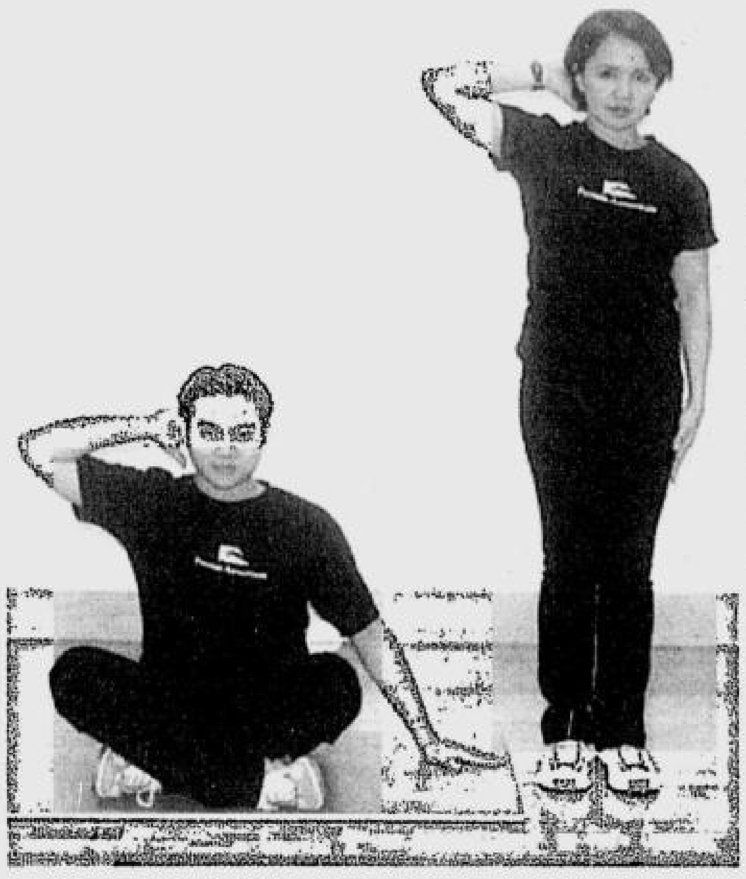
EXERCISE OF THE WEEK



Side stretch

LENGTHENS and elongates the muscles at the sides of the body.

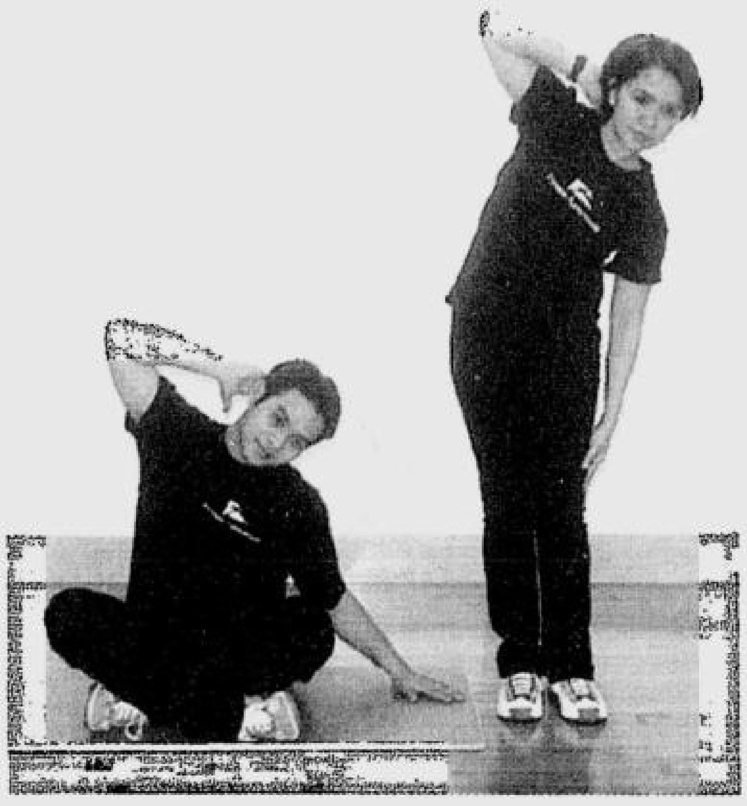
Equipment:
None

Exercise technique:

1. You can do this exercise sitting down or standing up.
2. Place one hand behind your head and the other one on the floor or by the side of your hip.
3. Bend sideways until your elbow is facing the ceiling. If you are sitting, don't allow your buttocks to rise off the floor. If you are standing, slide your free hand toward your knee.
4. Hold the stretch for 15-30 seconds. Do the other side.

Performance tips:

1. Make sure you bend directly sideways, not slightly forward or backward.
2. Stand with legs slightly apart if you feel like you will lose your balance. Keep your legs together if you want a slightly more intense stretch.



Preventing foot injuries during exercise

WELL AND GOOD

Tina Aboitiz Juan

ON AN AVERAGE day, you take 5,000 to 10,000 steps. And that doesn't even include exercise or sports. With every step you take, your feet have to absorb a force that is 1½ times your body weight. If you run, jump, or do high-impact aerobics, the force is several times your body weight. And even though your feet are engineering marvels that are designed to bear this load, they are still susceptible to injuries.

Both men and women exercisers can be at risk for foot problems but women create their own foot troubles by torturing their feet with shoes that are too small, too narrow, or too high. Pointy shoes and high heels are murder on the feet, not to mention a pain in the lower back. The "sexy" posture (arched back and protruding buttocks) that is achieved with high heels is actually a compensation mechanism so you don't fall flat on your face with every step you take. A University of Southern California study found that 88 percent of the female subjects were wearing shoes that were too small for their feet. Dr. George Canlas, orthopedic and sports medicine doctor at St. Luke's Hospital and Sprain and Strain Clinic at Alabang, once told me that the majority of foot problems among his female patients were due to shoes that were too small or narrow,. A woman who wears uncomfortable shoes all the time will surely experience foot injuries during exercise even if the conditions are perfect because she is already starting out on the wrong foot, so to speak.

Ditto for both men and women who have anatomical problems like flat feet, high arches or pronated feet (feet that roll inward) and uneven leg length. Think of your feet as the tires of a car. Tires that are not properly aligned will not last as long as they should.

Pain in the heel of the foot

This is by far the most common type of foot pain. The medical term is plantar fasciitis. Plantar means the sole of the foot and fasciitis means inflammation of the fascia or connective tissue that runs from the heel to the ball of the foot. The pain starts as a tender spot in the arch near the heel. The dead giveaway that you have plantar fasciitis is pain that is the worst in the morning when you first get out of bed but that gets better as the day gets longer. The pain returns if you do any kind of vigorous or prolonged activity like aerobics, running, or dancing.

Heel pain can be caused by any of the following: doing any kind of weight-bearing activity without the right shoes, doing too much of the same or new activity, being overweight, anatomical malalignments, standing for long periods in high heels or tin-soled flat shoes, and inflexible calves/Achilles tendon (found at the back of the ankle).

Plantar fasciitis can be prevented by daily stretching the calves and plantar fascia. This is a must if you are involved in regular vigorous exercise or sports. To stretch the calves, position your toes on top of a stair rung and slowly lower your heel down. To stretch the plantar fascia, sit down and extend one leg in front of you. Wrap a belt or towel around your toes and pull them toward you. Hold the stretches for 30-60 seconds. Do them once a day for prevention but if you already have plantar fasciitis, do them once an hour throughout the day until the fascia heals.

People with anatomical foot problems should consult an orthopedic doctor for the right kind of orthotics (special insoles that are inserted into shoes). There are three basic types—the cushioning kind if you need more padding in the soles of your feet, the support kind for flat or high arches and the combination kind that provides cushioning and support. People with uneven leg length usually need a shoe lift in the shorter leg. Otherwise, pain will develop in the foot on the side of the longer leg. People with pronated feet need orthotics or athletic shoes that will control the inward rolling of their feet.

Here is a simple way to figure out if you are at risk for foot problems because of your anatomy. Wet your feet and walk across any dry surface. If your whole foot shows up, you have flat feet. If only a part of your foot shows up, you have high arches.

> If one often wears uncomfortable shoes, he'll surely experience foot injuries even if the conditions are perfect because he's already starting out on the wrong foot

ILLUSTRATION: STEPH BRAVO

Pain in the ball of the foot

The symptoms are a burning or numb feeling in the ball of the foot. It is caused by repeated pressure in that area that squishes the toes together. Women are the usual victims because of their propensity for choosing shoes that are too small, narrow, tight, or high. They purposely choose small shoes because they think big feet are unfeminine or they are in denial about their shoe size (feet usually get bigger after pregnancy because of the sudden weight gain and never go back to their original size).

The simple solution to this problem is to wear shoes that are wide enough for your feet. Your toes should be able to wiggle inside your shoes, athletic or otherwise.

How to have your heels and wear them, too

Like drug addicts who can't survive without their daily fix, women with a shoe addiction are not likely to give up their high heels just like that. If you're one of them, here are some tips from Francesca Thompson, an orthopedic surgeon specializing in foot and ankle problems who was interviewed many years back by Vogue magazine.

- Use a cushioning orthotic to lessen the impact on the front of the foot.
- Stretch daily to lengthen the calf muscle.
- Alternate high heels with low heels.
- Thompson's final word of advice: "My advice about heels is to treat them sparingly—kind of like a hot fudge sundae."

Shoe advice for everyone

Here are some tips from the Johns Hopkins Medical Newsletter: Wearing comfortable shoes that fit well is the first line of defense in preventing foot problems. Foot width may increase with age so have your feet measured before buying shoes. Buy shoes with shock/absorbent soles and good padding in the heels. Low-heeled shoes are more comfortable and less damaging to the feet than high-heeled shoes. How much you weigh also plays an important role in whether you develop foot pain. Losing weight will take pressure off tired, over-taxed feet.

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The Association of Fitness Professionals of the Philippines (AFPP) will hold a Fitness Seminar on Sept. 1 at the Bahay ng Alumni, UP Diliman Campus. Gym topics: Exercise Guidelines for Children, Triathlon Training Program and The Latest in Abdominal Exercise Research. Aerobics topics: High-Low, Pop Aero, Kickboxing and Step Aerobics (Fhe Manalili will replace Dan Cabiling). For novice aerobics instructors: A three-hour workshop on "How to Create Choreography." There will be a special session on Heart Rate Monitoring. Call Lorna at 801-5090.

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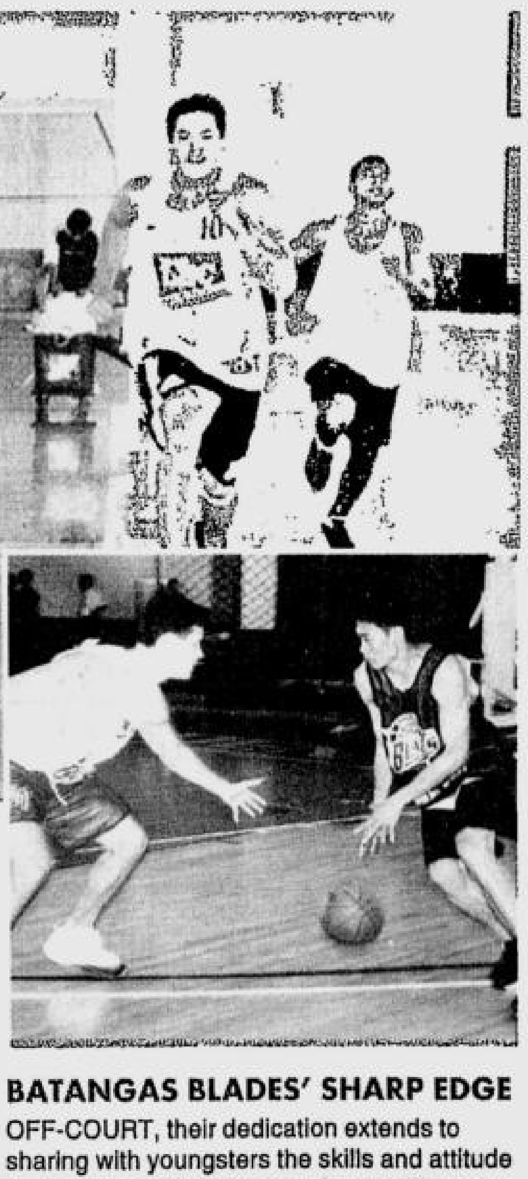

BATANGAS BLADES' SHARP EDGE

OFF-COURT, their dedication extends to sharing with youngsters the skills and attitude that are important for team players. They also conduct basketball clinics for youngsters who want to play like pros. They hold Fans' Day when they play Big Brother to adoring kids who dream of someday filling their shoes. The Batangas Blades, with their style and glamour, did not escape the notice of Reebok, which is giving its support, through Royal Sporting House (RSH) Marketing Philippines, to the team by providing them with footwear and apparel.

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